

Lisa Wing, charter school leader, to retire**Justin Murphy**

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Lisa Wing, the founding leader at one of Rochester's most sought-after charter schools, will retire at the end of the school year, she said Friday.

Wing helped write the application for Genesee Community Charter School and has been school leader since it opened 17 years ago on the campus of the Rochester Museum & Science Center. She is considering other work opportunities, including consulting, but for the time being wants to take some time off, she said.

Wing will be replaced by Shannon Hillman, who has been a teacher at GCCS for 14 years.

The K-6 school is one of the best local exemplars of Expeditionary Learning, a curriculum based on experiential, student-led learning and long-term projects. It is currently working with Roberto Clemente School 8 in the Rochester City School District to share its best practices.

GCCS students have consistently been among the top performers in the Rochester area, according to state tests. The school is also one of the top five in Monroe County in the New York School Quality Index, which measures non-academic factors.

The school stands out from others in the city, charter or district, for its low proportion of poor students (31 percent economically disadvantaged), and students of color (36 percent nonwhite).

Its charter renewal was threatened in 2015 after the state questioned why its demographics didn't more closely match those of the city; Wing responded that the school has always attempted to reflect the racial and economic pattern of the county, not the city.

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