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NICOLE PFIRMAN JOINS MINDPEACE

MindPeace has announced the addition of Nicole Pfirman as the new Director of School-based Mental Health Systems. In this new capacity, Pfirman will be responsible for supporting the improvement of integrated and aligned school-based mental health services and systems.

Susan Shelton, MindPeace Executive Director, stated, *"I am very excited Nicole Pfirman will be joining the MindPeace team to help improve and expand much needed school-based mental health services at a time of great need in our community and across the country. Nicole has the skills and experience needed to help MindPeace achieve our mission."*

Before joining MindPeace, Pfirman served as the District Prevention and Wellness Supervisor for Mason City Schools overseeing mental health programming, homelessness, discipline, and attendance. She has served Mason City for the past 19 years in a variety of roles, both as an occupational therapist and a district administrator. She started her career in outpatient psychiatry and adult rehabilitation working both in the hospital and prison setting before moving into school-based practice, working with students with psychosocial and neurodevelopmental disorders.

Pfirman stated, *"I couldn't be more excited to be joining the MindPeace team, a team that has been highly valued and respected within the mental health community for the last 15 years. The opportunity to work with MindPeace was the perfect next step on my leadership journey. I look forward to working collaboratively with our partners to expand the vision and mission for the future of school-based mental health systems."*

MindPeace's mission is to ensure that every child and adolescent has access to an effective system of mental health and wellness. For over 15 years, MindPeace has been a leading change agent within the Greater Cincinnati region focused on connecting youth with mental health solutions. Together with important community collaborators, MindPeace has developed a unique network of school-based mental health partnerships that are chosen by community stakeholders, are co-located, and offer full-time therapy support. Last year through the MindPeace Network, a learning community, students across almost 200 schools had access to school-based mental health services through 14 mental health organizations.