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**Melissa Cundari Appointed as New Member of the Morton District 201
Board of Education**



(Cicero, IL) The J. Sterling Morton High School District 201 Board of Education appointed Melissa Cundari to fill a vacancy at its December Board meeting.

Cundari was appointed to replace Kasumba “Kal” Lwanga, who resigned. The Cicero resident will serve the remainder of Lwanga’s term, which ends in April 2021.

Cundari is a branch chief for the USDA Food and Nutrition Service in Chicago. She served on the Morton College Board of Trustees from 2008 until she joined the District 201 Board this month.

“I am very excited to have this opportunity,” Cundari said. “This Board has a great team of representatives from the community and I hope my experience will add to the tremendous progress this Board has achieved.”

In addition to serving on the Morton College Board, she has served on the boards of Chicago Radiance and the League of Women Voters. Cundari also volunteers with Our Lady of Charity church. She holds a Master’s degree in Human Services Administration.

“The District 201 Board is fortunate to appoint someone with the Board experience Ms. Cundari had at Morton college,” said President Jeffry Pesek. “We are confident that she will be a huge asset in enhancing our relationship with the college as we continue to improve the transition for our students and increase opportunities for them to access college coursework while they are in high school.”

District 201 Superintendent Tim Truesdale said, “It was a great experience facilitating the appointment process with the Board and meeting several fine applicants for the open seat. The members made a great choice in Ms. Cundari and I look forward to working with her.”

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