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Superintendent Unveils New Leadership Teams for 2007-2008

As part of the Stamford Public Schools' overall reform agenda, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr today announced the creation of new administrative placements for the 2007-2008 school year. The new assignments are designed to maximize the leadership teams of Stamford's 20 schools. They also recognize the need to foster the abundant talent within the district, to retain the best and the brightest leaders in Stamford, and to develop a succession plan for the school system.

The announcement follows several months of analysis by Dr. Starr, in conjunction with Eileen Swerdlick, the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education; Dr. Winnie Hamilton, the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education; and Carlton Moody, the Deputy Superintendent. In redesigning the district's leadership teams, the group looked very closely at the strengths of school administrators and created combinations that will provide the most effective learning environments possible for students.

Dr. Starr advised the Board of Education of the new administrative teams at the regular Board meeting on June 19. At that time, the Board voted to approve the following appointments, as required by board policy:

Rodney Bass - Interim Principal, Stamford High School

Mr. Bass has been the principal of Turn of River Middle School since 1993. He served as principal on Special Assignment at Cloonan Middle School during the 2002-2003 school year.

Reginald Roberts - Assistant Principal, Westhill High School

Mr. Roberts is currently the district's Program Director for Social Studies. He has served as the Curriculum Associate for Inquiry-Based Learning, was a social studies teacher at Turn of River Middle School for seven years, and is a frequent seminar presenter and lecturer.

Joe Palumbo - Assistant Principal, Westhill High School

Mr. Palumbo has served as the Administrative Intern at Westhill for the past year. He has experience in other districts as a summer school assistant principal and has worked on a high school freshman transition program.

Cheryl Dwyer - Principal, Davenport Ridge Elementary School

Ms. Dwyer is the former principal of Long Lots Elementary School in Westport. She has also served in this capacity in Canton and Woodbury. Ms. Dwyer has won many awards, including the National Blue Ribbon School Award. She has also taught grades K, 1, 3, and 5.

According to Dr. Starr, "I believe these new appointments represent a mix of some of Stamford's most experienced leaders as well as some up and coming administrative talent. All of these new appointments will serve our district well with their commitment, energy, and focus on children."

A full list of the new school leadership teams is attached. School administrators will share this information with school staff, parents, and students. All changes are effective July 1st.

