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Three Administrators Named in Stamford Public Schools

The Stamford Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr announce the appointments of three school administrators, effective immediately.

Mary Jo Pittoni will become interim Assistant Principal of **Turn of River Middle School**. Ms. Pittoni is a veteran seventh and eighth grade educator in the Stamford Public Schools and is a former Teacher of the Year. Most recently, she has served in administrative capacities as the district's Director of Leadership Development and Staff Development Coordinator.

According to Dr. Starr, "Mary Jo is well known in the Stamford Public Schools as a wonderful middle school teacher. She is effective not only as an instructor, but also in her ability to engage students, parents, and her colleagues in all aspects of the education process."

Janet Schneider will become Assistant Principal of **Westover Magnet Elementary School**. Ms. Schneider is currently the Curriculum Associate for Staff Development and is a Team Leader at Westover. She has taught grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 and is an adjunct staff member at Sacred Heart University.

"As a long-time educational leader at Westover, Janet is well respected by the entire school community," said Dr. Starr. "I am very pleased that she has accepted this additional responsibility."

Teresa Cherry-Cruz will become Assistant Principal of **Hart Magnet Elementary School**. Ms. Cherry-Cruz is currently an Individual Learning Needs Coach and a Speech Language Pathologist in the Stamford Public Schools.

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She is the founder of a summer literacy program and is an adjunct professor at Southern Connecticut State University.

“Terri Cruz has an excellent understanding of curriculum and instruction, is a high energy person, and is extremely student-focused,” said Dr. Starr.

With these three appointments, all administrative vacancies are now filled in the Stamford Public Schools for the 2007-2008 school year.