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**Four Administrators Named in Stamford Public Schools**

The Stamford Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr announce the appointments of four administrators, effective July 1, 2009.

**Dr. Linda Bruno** will become **Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction**.

Dr. Bruno is currently Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum in the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District in New York, where she is responsible for administering the instructional program for grades K-12. She has also served as Superintendent of the Southampton School District and as an elementary and middle school principal in New York State.

**Maritza Garcia** will become the **Administrator for Adult and Continuing Education**. Ms.

Garcia is the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Director for Stamford Public Schools, a position she has held since 2005. Prior to that, she served as an ESL Curriculum Associate and ESL teacher/New Arrivals Facilitator in the district.

**William Johnson, Jr.** will become Principal of **Julia A. Stark Elementary School**. **Mr.**

**Johnson** is currently Dean of Students for grades K-2 and 5-8 at the Amistad Academy in New Haven. He has also served as a special education teacher in Middletown, Connecticut and as an adjunct professor at Gateway Community College in New Haven.

**Carol Puccella** will become Principal of Davenport Ridge Elementary School. Ms. Puccella

is the Assistant Principal of Toquam Magnet Elementary School and prior to that, held the same position at Roxbury Elementary School. Ms. Puccella has a background in remedial reading, ESL and has taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

“I am excited about the appointment of these four talented educators,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr. “We are fortunate to have excellent candidates within Stamford Public Schools who are ready to assume greater leadership roles, as well as others from outside the district who will bring new experience and perspectives to our administrative team. I know all of them will be successful in their new positions.”

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