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**Four Administrators Named in Stamford Public Schools for 2009-2010 School Year**

The Stamford Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr announce the appointments of four administrators for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Carol Bjork** will become an **Assistant Principal at Stamford High School**. For the past five years, Ms. Bjork has served as the English Department Head at Westhill High School, where she also teaches three senior English classes. Her teaching career in Stamford Public Schools spans 20 years and includes work in curriculum revision and professional development. Ms. Bjork is a former Director of Trailblazers Academy Charter School and has taught at the college level. Ms. Bjork will begin her new position on August 5.

**Raymond Manka** will become an **Assistant Principal at Westhill High School**. Mr. Manka is currently a biology teacher at Ridgefield High School. He is an experienced teacher leader in the areas of curriculum writing, assessment, and rubric development. Previously, Mr. Manka taught at Jonathan Law High School in Milford and Maplewood Elementary School in Bridgeport. Mr. Manka will begin his new position on August 5.

**Mark Woodard** will become Assistant Principal at **Toquam Magnet Elementary School**. Mr. Woodard has taught grades 4 and 5 at Stillmeadow Elementary School, where he is also a Literacy Coach. Prior to that, he was a mathematics teacher at a charter school in New York City. As part of an administrative internship through Fordham University, Mr. Woodard supported the Stillmeadow administration in teacher observations, professional development plans, budget development, school scheduling, student discipline, and I.E.P. meetings. Mr. Woodward will begin his new position on August 5.

**Doreen O’Leary** will become **Project Manager** for the **GE Foundation’s Developing Futures™ Program**, where she will oversee the district’s \$15.3 million grant to improve math and science instruction. Ms. O’Leary is currently the District’s Curriculum Associate for Elementary Math, a position she has held for the past two years. Prior to that, she taught grades 3 and 4 at Toquam Magnet Elementary School. Ms. O’Leary spent 18 years working in the private sector as a financial and banking executive before embarking on her second career in the education field. Ms. O’Leary will begin her new position on July 22.

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