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FIVE ADMINISTRATORS NAMED TO TOP DISTRICT POSTS

(October 26, 2010) The Stamford Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr announce the appointments of several administrators to top district positions. In making the appointments, Dr. Starr said, "I am extremely proud that these individuals are all internal candidates. Their exceptional leadership skills will serve them well in their new roles and will be critical in helping us to increase student achievement throughout the district." The appointments were made by reconfiguring several positions and do not increase the total central office staff count.

Mara Siladi will become **Assistant Superintendent of Programs, Grants, and Partnerships**. For the past five years, Ms. Siladi has served as the Director of Grants and Funded Programs. She has extensive experience in the areas of program and fiscal accountability, program development, and community outreach. Ms. Siladi has also worked as a Research Associate, Math Facilitator, and Extraordinary Learners Program Facilitator. She began her career as a special education teacher at the elementary level. Ms. Siladi's responsibilities will include management of several departments including Special Education, Student Support Services, English Language Learners, and Grants and Funded Programs.

Mona Hanna will become the **Chief Academic Officer**. Since 2007, Ms. Hanna has been the district's Director of Math & Science. In her new role, Ms. Hanna will ensure that teaching and learning align with content standards and meets high benchmarks on a variety of district, state, and national assessments. Previously, Ms. Hanna served as the district's program director for Science and as the Science Department Head at Westhill High School. Previously, she worked in the corporate world as a chemist. In addition to her duties in Stamford Public Schools, Ms. Hanna teaches college-level chemistry.

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Hugh Murphy will become the **Executive Director of Finance**. Mr. Murphy is currently the Director of Finance, a position he has held for seven years. He has 31 years in public and private industry financial and operations management experience. Mr. Murphy has worked in four school systems and managed more than \$2.7 billion in municipal funds and \$167 million in federal and state grants. As Executive Director of Finance, Mr. Murphy will be responsible for the oversight of district finances and budget preparation, transportation, food services, and grants.

Camille Figluizzi will become the **Director of Magnet Programs**. She is currently Principal of Westhill High School, a position she has held for the past 13 years. Ms. Figluizzi has extensive experience at all grade levels, having worked as an administrator at Davenport Ridge Elementary School, Toquam Magnet Elementary School, and Stamford High School. She began her career as a special education teacher. Ms. Figluizzi's responsibilities will include oversight of the district's seven magnet schools/programs as well as the further development of their themes.

Susan Paley will become the **Assistant Director of Human Capital Development**. In her new role, Ms. Paley will be responsible for the day to day management of the Human Capital Development Office. Ms. Paley is currently at Rogers International School, where she has taught Math, Science, and Humanities in the Middle Years Programme. Her wide-ranging experience in Stamford Public Schools spans all grade levels and includes grant management, technology integration, and staff development. Previously, Ms. Paley spent several years in the business sector. She has helped bring in approximately \$3.8 million in grants for the school district.

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