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New Principal Appointed to Lead Stamford High School

The Stamford Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua P. Starr announce the appointment of Donna A. Valentine, Ed.D to the position of Stamford High School Principal, effective July 1, 2010.

Dr. Valentine is currently principal at Rivendell Academy in Orford, New Hampshire where she supervises curriculum design and implementation, is responsible for strategic planning, data analysis, and budgeting, and recently led the school's successful accreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

In prior positions, Dr. Valentine has served as a principal, assistant principal, and teacher at the secondary level in Rhode Island. She has a strong business background, having spent 10 years in the corporate sector in operations and human resources.

“The Stamford High community has waited patiently for the principal’s position to be filled on a permanent basis,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua Starr. “I am thrilled that an educator of Dr. Valentine’s caliber emerged as the top candidate for such an important appointment. She has the right combination of talents and skills to build upon Stamford High’s proud and impressive history of achievements.”

A committee comprised of teachers, paraeducators, parents, and school and central office administrators helped select Dr. Valentine from a pool of more than 30 candidates in several rounds of interviews. A site visit to Dr. Valentine’s current high school in New Hampshire was also conducted.

Dr. Valentine is a member of the adjunct faculty at Johnson & Wales University, where she received her M.B.A. and her doctorate in educational leadership. She is also an online instructor for Tufts University.