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## Dr. Susie Da Silva named Superintendent in Ridgefield

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**RIDGEFIELD, CT** – The Ridgefield Public Schools Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Susie Da Silva has been appointed as the next Superintendent of Schools after a special meeting on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. She will assume responsibilities of the office on April 1.



Da Silva is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction in Darien and comes to Ridgefield with a wealth of experience as a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent. Before taking the current position in Darien, Dr. Da Silva was principal of Kings Highway Elementary School in Westport and Woodrow Wilson School in Waterbury. Before becoming an administrator, she taught in Fairfield, Bridgeport, and Waterbury. Dr. Da Silva has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford and the University of Bridgeport.

“Dr. Da Silva is known to be an outstanding administrator who builds strong relationships and works collaboratively with her teams to accomplish district goals while keeping students at the center of the work,” Ridgefield board Chairwoman Margaret Stamatis said.

Dr. Da Silva earned a doctorate degree in Education from Central Connecticut State University, where she also earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a concentration in Spanish, and a master's in Reading.

“It is clear that children are at the heart of the Ridgefield community and I will work tirelessly, alongside my colleagues to ensure that we provide Ridgefield students the best learning experience possible,” Dr. Da Silva said. “By all measures Ridgefield’s staff is incredibly talented and I look forward to getting to know each of them this coming spring.”

Da Silva replaces Interim Superintendent Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, who took over at the beginning of the summer after Superintendent Dr. William Collins went out on medical leave and then resigned due to medical complications.

The search for the new superintendent was facilitated by consultants from Cooperative Educational Services (C.E.S.) in Trumbull. Da Silva was chosen from a pool of 17 applicants.