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## Dr. Patricia Cosentino named next New Fairfield superintendent

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**NEW FAIRFIELD, CT** – The New Fairfield Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Patricia Cosentino has been appointed as the next Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Cosentino comes to New Fairfield with a wealth of administrative and classroom experience in Connecticut and New York schools, including serving as Superintendent of the Region 12 School District in Connecticut since 2012.



“The Board of Education followed an exacting superintendent search, taking into account the needs of the district along with input from the community to find the best candidate for New Fairfield,” board Chair Peggy Katkocin said. “We feel that Dr. Cosentino meets that criteria, and is an excellent choice to lead the district at this time.”

“Her experience in education is solid, and she is familiar with New Fairfield schools. She is excited about coming here and working with our administrators and staff. We welcome her, and look forward to what will come next,” Katkocin said.

“I am grateful to the Board of Education for having the confidence in my ability to lead and positively impacting New Fairfield,” Dr. Cosentino said. “Together we will build a foundation of kindness and respect, as we work towards continuous improvement highlighting our accomplishments and celebrating our achievements.”

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Queens College in New York, Dr. Cosentino earned a Master’s in Elementary Education at Queens College and a Master’s in Administration and Supervision from City College in New York. She earned a Doctor of Education in Instructional Leadership from Western Connecticut State University. Dr. Cosentino began her career teaching fifth and sixth grade in New York before going into administration. She was principal at Bethel (Conn.) High School for six years prior to becoming superintendent of Region 12, which includes Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington.

Dr. Cosentino will replace Superintendent Alicia Roy when she leaves June 30.

The search for the new superintendent was facilitated by consultants from Cooperative Educational Services (C.E.S.) in Trumbull. After meeting with focus groups and conducting an online survey that included more than 400 participants, the C.E.S. consultants created a leadership profile based on the community’s desired characteristics for the next superintendent. Dr. Cosentino was chosen from a pool of 13 applicants.