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Dr. Michael T. Conner named next Middletown superintendent

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MIDDLETOWN, CT – The Middletown Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Michael T. Conner has been appointed as the next Superintendent of Schools.



Dr. Conner comes to Middletown with a wealth of administrative and classroom experience in Connecticut schools, including serving as Chief Academic Officer of Norwalk Public Schools since 2015.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Lasell College in Newton, Mass., Dr. Conner earned a Master's in Elementary Education from Bridgeport University, his Sixth-Year diploma from Southern Connecticut State University, and a doctorate in Education Leadership from Cambridge College in Cambridge, Mass. He also completed the Executive Leadership Program at the University of Connecticut in 2014.

Dr. Conner began his education career as a fourth-grade teacher in New Haven. He has also been a literacy specialist in Hartford, a principal and assistant principal in New Haven, and the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning and Leadership for Windham Public Schools before taking his current position in Norwalk.

Dr. Conner will replace Dr. Patricia Charles when she retires on or about Nov. 6.

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 500 participants, the C.E.S. consultants created a leadership profile based on the community's desired characteristics for the next superintendent. Dr. Conner was chosen from a pool of 19 applicants.