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## Wolcott Promotes Shawn Simpson to Schools Superintendent

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**WOLCOTT, CT** – The Wolcott Board of Education is pleased to announce Interim Superintendent Shawn Simpson has been appointed as the next Superintendent of Schools after a vote by board members Monday night.



Simpson has spent his entire 17-year education career in Wolcott's public schools, including the past three years as an Assistant Superintendent and then Interim Superintendent since this past spring, when Dr. Anthony Gasper resigned. Before that he was Principal at Alcott Elementary School for 4 years and Assistant Principal at Tyrrell Middle School for 5 years. He began his career as a school counselor for 5 years and also coached basketball and track and field.

Simpson earned a Bachelors in Social Rehabilitation Services from Assumption College and a Master of Education in Psychology from Springfield College. He also completed the 6th Year Educational Leadership programs at the University of Bridgeport and University of Connecticut.

He was chosen from a pool of 10 applicants from Connecticut and Massachusetts that included current and former superintendents, central office personnel, and school-level leaders. The search was facilitated by consultants from Trumbull-based Cooperative Educational Services (CES), who guided the district's search committee through the decision-making process by providing a leadership profile based on feedback from the district's various stakeholders, and facilitating the interview process with candidates. The consultants employed an advanced interview technique proven to demonstrate the candidates' abilities to be successful in the leadership position by assessing their supervisory skills, qualities, and attributes against the established profile.

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