



PRESS RELEASE

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WOODBIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Woodbridge, CT: At a special meeting on November 16, 2022, the Woodbridge Board of Education appointed **Mrs. Vonda J. Tencza** of Kensington, CT, its new Superintendent of Schools, effective December 12, 2022. Mrs. Tencza has served most recently as Associate Superintendent of the Seymour (CT) Public Schools, a role she has held for the past eight years. Her tenure there also included service as acting and interim superintendent. Prior to Seymour, Vonda worked in Hebron for eight years, first as Assistant Principal, then Director of Curriculum and Technology.

Mrs. Tencza began her public education career in Wethersfield, first teaching Grades 5 and 6 at Highcrest Elementary School for 11 years, then Grade 7 at Silas Deane Middle School for eight years. During those years, Vonda was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 2006-2007. She also served as Executive Board Member and Secretary of the Connecticut ASCD. Mrs. Tencza received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, and her Master of Science and a Sixth Year in Educational Leadership certificate from Central Connecticut State University.

Woodbridge Board of Education Chair Lynn Piascyk said, "The Woodbridge Board has taken the search for our new superintendent very seriously. We listened carefully to our stakeholders who participated in interviews, focus groups, and a survey. We spread the net wide in our search for candidates and were pleased to attract a robust pool of candidates. Mrs. Tencza rose to the top because she embodies the vision, experience, caring, and warmth that the Board feels we need at this point in time. The entire Board of Education enthusiastically welcomes Vonda Tencza as the next Superintendent of the Woodbridge School District."

Mrs. Tencza wrote, "This is a tremendous honor and one I will approach with seriousness, compassion, and integrity. I am confident that I will be able to partner with parents, teachers, administrators, and the board of education to help this unique district continue to grow great learners who achieve at high levels."

The Woodbridge Board was guided in its search by Drs. Mary Broderick and Jack Reynolds of CABE Search Services. They gathered perspectives from many stakeholders before writing the Leadership Profile that guided the Board in its search for a new leader.

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