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Norwalk Board of Education Appoints Dr. Victor Black as Project Director for the Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP); Beth Furnari Named Interim Principal of P-TECH Norwalk

Norwalk, Conn. (March 19, 2024) -- The Board of Education approved the appointment of Dr. Victor Black as the Project Director for the Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP).

Black has served as the principal of P-TECH Norwalk since Fall 2022. Assistant Principal Beth Furnari was named Interim Principal of P-TECH following his exit. Furnari also started as the assistant principal at P-TECH in Fall 2022.

Black played an instrumental role in bringing the \$15 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education to Norwalk Public Schools last fall that will support and enhance the educational experiences at three of our schools (K-14). The schools include P-TECH Norwalk, Ponus Ridge STEAM Academy and Kendall College and Career Academy.

MSAP grant funding aims to prevent minority group isolation and promote socioeconomic diversity in schools. These grant funds will allow for the creation of STEM-focused inter-district magnet schools, providing the opportunity for all children to receive a high-quality education despite their geographical location.

Magnet School Assistance Program grant funding intends to dismantle obstacles and create a more inclusive educational setting by strengthening curriculum and teaching strategies. The grant funding also provides the opportunity to increase the appeal and accessibility of magnet programs to a wider spectrum of students.

In addition, this grant award provides resources for the purpose of enhancing professional growth. This commitment aims to equip educators with the essential tools and expertise to successfully address the different needs of their students.

For more information about Dr. Black and Ms. Furnari, please see below.

Dr. Victor Black

Project Director for the Magnet School Assistance Program (MSAP)

Black returned to Norwalk Public Schools in 2022 to lead P-TECH. He previously worked in the

district as the Instructional Technology Staff Developer for the Board of Education from 2006 to 2010 then served as the Assistant Principal of Ponus Ridge Middle School from 2011 to 2012.

Prior to his NPS return, Black served as the Executive Director of Secondary Education and Magnet Schools for Bridgeport Public Schools then the Director of the Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus between 2019 and 2022. He helped to rebuild the magnet campus post-pandemic and oversaw Bridgeport's magnet schools and programs.

To read his full bio, [please click here](#).

Beth Furnari
Interim Principal at P-TECH Norwalk

Prior to her arrival in Norwalk, Furnari worked her way up through Bridgeport Public Schools from an English teacher to a curriculum specialist then later as an assistant principal and principal.

To read her full bio, [please click here](#).

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