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East Greenwich School Committee to Approve Three-Year Contract with Mrs. Beth Cauley

East Greenwich, RI – The East Greenwich School Committee is poised to approve a three-year contract for Mrs. Beth Cauley to serve as the Assistant Principal of Cole Middle School. The contract will be recommended to the School Committee by Dr. Brian G. Ricca, Superintendent of Schools, at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

The process for hiring for these positions followed District Policy 5410.1. The newly appointed principal of Cole Middle School, Melissa Centracchio, convened a Screening Committee for each role. Six candidates were selected from a pool of thirty for interviews. That committee recommended two finalists to Dr. Ricca. He met with the finalists and Ms. Centracchio, and after careful consideration and reflection, Mrs. Cauley was selected for the position.

When asked about filing this critical position, School Committee Chair Alyson Powell noted, "Mrs. Cauley is a dedicated educator who leads from the heart, and we are excited for her to bring her experience, her compassion, and her fantastic sense of humor to Cole!"

Beth Cauley has served as principal of Hanaford Elementary School for the past 12 years. Before her work in East Greenwich, she taught in Pawtucket for ten years, teaching in grades 6 and 2. In 1999 she earned a Bachelor of Arts from Rhode Island College in Elementary Education with a concentration in Special Education. Holding both teaching certifications as well as her Administrative certification, Beth also completed her Master's degree from Providence College in 2010.

Beth Cauley is proud to have led the Hanaford community for over a decade. She has watched whole families grow and move through the East Greenwich school system. In 2014 Beth was recognized by the EG Wall of Honor committee with an Appreciation Award; in 2017, she received the Wilfred Berube Award for Administrative Excellence.

Beth resides in Northwest RI with her husband and her two children. This year her son Aidan will attend Springfield College as a sophomore in the Health Sciences program, and her daughter will be a freshman at Dean College majoring in Dance.

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In reflecting on his seventh hire since beginning his service in EG one year ago, Dr. Ricca offered: "Beth Cauley has demonstrated her commitment to the faculty, staff, students, and families in our town through her twelve years of educational leadership at Hanaford. Whenever someone comes to me and asks me to grow in our profession, I want to be able to say 'yes.' I'm proud that Mrs. Cauley is choosing to demonstrate lifelong learning by moving into a new role where she can continue to put relationships first."

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