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East Greenwich School Committee Approves Three-Year Contract with new Director of Student Services, Neil Marcaccio.

East Greenwich, RI – The East Greenwich School Committee approved the contract for Neil Marcaccio to begin serving as the Director of Student Services. Mr. Marcaccio will start his work in this new role on Monday, September 12, 2022. The contract came to the School Committee on the recommendation of Dr. Brian G. Ricca, Superintendent of Schools.

The process for hiring for this position followed [District Policy 5410.1](#). Michael Podraza, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, convened a Screening Committee that interviewed first-round candidates and recommended Mr. Marcaccio as the only finalist. Dr. Ricca solicited volunteers for a Finalist Committee, who unanimously affirmed Mr. Marcaccio as the next Director of Student Services.

Following the departure of Dr. Lisa Hughes, Ms. Carol Brown served as Interim Director of Student Services. She ensured that our Department of Student Services continued to meet the needs of all our eligible students through the work of our Faculty & Staff. Dr. Ricca expressed his thanks for Ms. Brown's selfless work: "Ms. Brown was able to carefully and thoughtfully carry on the work of Special Education in a way that put relationships first and met our students' needs. With her meaningful collaboration with Mr. Marcaccio, I expect a very smooth transition."

School Committee Chair Anne Musella shared, "The continuity and institutional knowledge an internal hire provides will greatly benefit our students and their families, and I am grateful to Mr. Marcaccio for stepping up to the challenge. We are very fortunate to have someone with his experience, work ethic, keen intelligence, and compassion in this role."

Mr. Marcaccio served as an elementary principal in East Greenwich for almost ten years. He was involved in developing Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs, high-quality curriculum implementation, and building a Response to Intervention/Multi-Tiered System of Support (RTI/MTSS) process. There was always a focus on transparency and the evolution of school culture. During this time, he served on many district-level committees and contributed to developing and implementing many district-wide initiatives. Through a rigorous National Institute for School Leadership Executive Development Program, Mr. Marcaccio became passionate about the deeper learning competencies and Universal Design for Learning.

Last year he took on a district role as the Director of MTSS, focusing on implementing a PK-12 MTSS framework through a collaborative process that started with a district SuperTeam and contextualizing this work to all six district schools. He has often been present in each of the six district schools, working with groups of educators that have pushed his thinking around MTSS.



He has loved every minute of this work and quickly saw the opportunity to find synergy between MTSS and special education. He sees tremendous opportunity to continue to bring our "All Means All" strategic plan to life while serving the students, families, and educators of East Greenwich as the Director of Student Services.

When not in the district, Neil enjoys sailing, freediving, and just about anything else that can be done on, in, or under the water. He lives in Newport with his wife and three children, ages 8, 11 & 16, who all share his love for the sea and adventure.

In reflecting on his first hire as Superintendent, Dr. Ricca noted: "Mr. Marcaccio has been a member of the EGPS community since 2012. As a former Special Educator, Principal, and Director of MTSS, his success precedes him. It is clear that Mr. Marcaccio emphasizes relationships and puts students first. This is our work under the Strategic Plan, "All Means All."

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