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WATERTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

WATERTOWN, CT — The Watertown Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Lisa M. Fekete as the district's next Superintendent of Schools, effective immediately. The Board voted unanimously to approve her appointment at a special meeting held on October 23, 2025.

Ms. Fekete brings more than 31 years of educational experience to the role of superintendent, including over 11 years of service in Watertown, a community where she has proudly lived, worked, and raised her children. Her experience in multiple roles in the district, including this year as acting superintendent, as she said, "has deepened my appreciation or the power of public education to transform lives and reinforced my commitment to help Watertown achieve its highest aspirations." Through her leadership, Ms. Fekete's has "prioritized instructional leadership, understanding that progress depends on a keen awareness of effective teaching and learning."

Ms. Fekete has served as Acting Superintendent of the Watertown Public Schools since July 1. Prior to that, she held several district leadership positions. She was appointed Director of Curriculum and Instruction in 2018, a role that was expanded in 2021 to include responsibilities as Director of Operations, where she served as the Superintendent's designee. Most recently, in 2024-2025, Ms. Fekete assumed the dual roles of Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Director of Operations.

Ms. Fekete's first position in Watertown was Principal of Polk Elementary School from 2014 to 2018, where she led the school to be recognized by the Connecticut State Department of Education as a School of Distinction in 2016-2017.

Before joining Watertown, Ms. Fekete served in the Newington Public Schools for 20 years—13 years as a classroom teacher and grade-level chairperson at Ruth L. Chaffee Elementary School, followed by seven years as Library Media Specialist and Head Teacher at Elizabeth Green Elementary School.



Krista Palomba, Chair of the Watertown Board of Education, praised the appointment, noting:

“The search for our new Superintendent was thorough and inclusive. We gathered input from the community through focus groups and surveys, and were guided throughout the process by the leadership profile generated from that input. We were fortunate to have a talented pool of candidates. Ms. Fekete stood out as a great match for Watertown. She has lived here and knows us well. She is highly regarded by her peers and is a conscientious leader with a love of and commitment to Watertown. Her warmth, work ethic, and ability to engage staff make her an excellent fit to serve as our next superintendent. We are excited that we will make her “acting” role permanent come July 1.”

Ms. Fekete holds a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Elementary Education and English and a Master’s Degree in Special Education, both from Central Connecticut State University, and a Sixth Year in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut.

The superintendent search was conducted in partnership with CABE Search Services and led by consultant Mary Broderick.

For additional information, please contact the Watertown Board of Education.