



NEW LONDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Ms. Alicia Ross

**Principal of Bennie Dover Jackson
Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus**

On Tuesday, October 13, 2026, the New London Board of Education appointed Alicia Ross as Principal of the Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus.

Ms. Ross has served the New London Public Schools for more than six years, most recently as Acting Principal of Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus (BDJ) since the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Prior, Ms. Ross served as an Assistant Principal at BDJ and has been an integral member of the school's leadership team. In this role, Ms. Ross has worked collaboratively with students, families, educators, and administrators to support a positive school culture and continued progress in student achievement. Initiatives include strengthening restorative practices, positive behavioral interventions and supports, and increasing student attendance.

"Alicia Ross has demonstrated a deep commitment to our students, staff, and school community," stated Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Ritchie. "Her leadership, strong relationships across our school community, and her commitment to creating an environment where every student and staff member can thrive make her exceptionally well-positioned to serve as Principal. I am confident that she will continue to build upon the school's momentum, while ensuring that students, staff, and families are supported throughout this transition."

Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus was recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) with the Outstanding School Climate and Culture Award, honoring the school's commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, supportive, and engaging environment for students, staff, and families. Additionally, the CAS organization recognized Bennie Dover Jackson as the 2026 Connecticut Middle School of the Year, highlighting its commitment to instructional excellence, inclusive practices, strong relationships, and student success.

"I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve the Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus in this capacity," said Alicia Ross. "This is a special school community, and I am proud of the work our students, staff, families, and leadership team have accomplished together. I look forward to continuing to build on that foundation, strengthening our culture of belonging and achievement, and ensuring that every student feels empowered to reach their full potential."

Executive Director of Talent and Human Resources Christine Pemberton states, "We are excited for Alicia Ross to step into the role of Principal. I am confident in her continued leadership and commitment as she leads the school community through this transition. Her experience and focus on student success will ensure the school continues to thrive."

Congratulations Ms. Ross!