

Spotlight on Education
Interim Principal

Voluntown Public Schools
Voluntown, Connecticut
October 19, 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The Board of Education recently accepted the resignation of Alycia M. Trakas. The Board thanked Alycia for her years of service in the Voluntown Public School System and many contributions to the community. We all wish Alycia the best in her future career opportunities.

We are entering a time of transition that has required quick action based on the fact that there are only a few weeks between the resignation notice and the need after October 18, 2018 to maintain effective administrative responsibilities.

The Board approved a revision in the job description from Principal/Assistant Superintendent to Principal to more clearly define building level administrative activities and the school system responsibilities of the Superintendent of Schools.

The Board of Education voted to approve Amy Suffoletto as the Interim Principal to assume all of the responsibilities as the VES building Principal during this time of transition. This status as "interim" will continue over the next few months while there is a review of such issues as the budget, declining enrollment, state aid to municipalities, curriculum development, the evaluation of faculty and staff, and the overall administrative needs in our school system.


During this time of transition the Board of Education voted to approve Dr. Ed Senesac to serve as a part-time Interim Assistant Principal. There will be a flexible schedule for Dr. Senesac in order to make adjustments to coordinate activities and help maintain administrative coverage of the school over these next few months. Dr. Senesac briefly served in this capacity a few years ago when we had the transition from a fulltime Director of Special Education to a part time Special Education Administrator.

Dr. Lloyd A. Johnson, Director of Student Services, and I, as Superintendent of Schools, will continue in our roles as part time administrators. This means during this time of transition, our overall certified administrative faculty is now reduced by an approximate 0.60 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) when included with the full time Principal and part time Assistant Principal.

Congratulations to Amy Suffoletto in her new role as Interim Principal, which starts on October 19, 2018. A special welcome will be extended to Dr. Senesac when he returns to offer additional interim support on a part time basis during this time of transition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this administrative plan of action during this time of transition.

Sincerely,


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