



# Stafford Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Monday evening, January 8, 2018, the Stafford Board of Education selected its new Superintendent of Schools- Mr. Steven Moccio. Mr. Moccio will begin his tenure as the newly elected Superintendent of Schools for Stafford on Monday, March 12, 2018.

Mr. Moccio, a resident of Feeding Hills Massachusetts, is the current high school principal in Suffield, Connecticut, where he has served since 2014. Prior to that, Mr. Moccio was principal at Windermere Elementary and Intermediate School in Ellington, Connecticut, for six years. Mr. Moccio also served as the assistant principal at Ellington High School for three years. Mr. Moccio started his career as a physics teacher at Windsor High School in 1996 and moved to Newington High School in 1999 in the same capacity as a physics teacher.

Mr. Moccio is a graduate of Hartwick College of New York, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Physics. He earned a master's degree and certificate of graduate studies at Central Connecticut State University in 2001 and 2003 respectively. In 2014, Mr. Moccio successfully completed the Executive Leadership Program at the University of Connecticut, earning his certification as Superintendent of Schools. The Stafford Board of Education and the Superintendent Search Committee were impressed with Mr. Moccio's passion for education; his approachability; organizational skills and his desire to be a collaborative decision maker. Mr. Moccio comes to Stafford with extremely high recommendations from his current Superintendent, Karen Berasi, and his former Superintendent, Stephen Cullinan.

We in Stafford are looking forward to a new era of leadership in the school district, and we are confident that Mr. Moccio's vision and spirit are a perfect match for Stafford.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Smotas  
Interim Superintendent of Schools