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## Paul Brenton Named Plainfield Superintendent

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**PLAINFIELD, CT** – The Plainfield Board of Education is pleased to announce that Paul Brenton has been appointed as the next Superintendent of Schools. His start date will be July 1, 2021.

Brenton comes to Plainfield after serving since 2017 as an assistant superintendent in Killingly, where he oversaw curriculum and instruction. He possesses a wealth of administrative and classroom experience, including significant time as a principal for multiple high schools and teaching Chemistry, English, and Language Arts at high schools in Connecticut and Michigan.



“Throughout the interview process, Mr. Brenton demonstrated he understands the unique needs of Plainfield students,” said Christi Haskell, chair of the Plainfield school board and head of the search committee. “He has already begun to spend time planning a comprehensive transition plan as he prepares to join Plainfield Public Schools. His commitment and dedication to the Plainfield community is already apparent even prior to his July 1st start.

“It is clear he will work hard to engage the community and to build collaborative plans and relationships that will foster student achievement.”

Brenton earned a Bachelor of Science in English from Alma College in Michigan, a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Michigan, a 6th Year degree in Professional Education from the University of Connecticut, and he completed the Executive Leadership Program at UConn’s Neag School of Education. Among Brenton’s leadership activities are serving on the Connecticut Computer Science Teacher’s Administrative Advisory Board since 2017 and leading a redesign of Killingly’s information technology department to redefine purpose, role and delivery model.

“I am humbled and honored to be selected for this role,” Brenton said. “Eastern Connecticut has been my home for so many years of my career, and I am excited to begin partnering with the families, staff and community members in Plainfield. I look forward to building new relationships as we support the students during this challenging time.

“I am committed to working with the community and building on the strengths of the district to ensure a bright future for all students in Plainfield.”

Kenneth Di Pietro, who has been Plainfield’s superintendent since 2010 is retiring June 30.

Brenton was chosen from a pool of 21 applications from six states and the District of Columbia. The search was facilitated by consultants from Trumbull-based Cooperative Educational Services (CES) and The Bryan Group, who guided the district’s search committee through the decision-making process by providing a leadership profile and selection criteria based on results of a survey and focus groups with the district’s various stakeholders, in addition to providing measurable performance criteria drawn from an advanced interview process with candidates. The board’s search committee then evaluated candidates and made a selection.

CES is one of the six Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) established by the state legislature to provide supports and services to public school districts. CES serves students and educators in Fairfield County, along with executive search services throughout the state. More information about CES can be found at [www.cestrumbull.org](http://www.cestrumbull.org).