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Dr. Kenneth Craw Named New Fairfield Superintendent

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NEW FAIRFIELD, CT – The New Fairfield Board of Education is pleased to announce Dr. Kenneth Craw has been appointed as the next Superintendent of Schools after a vote by board members Monday night. His start date will be July 1, 2022.

Craw comes to New Fairfield from Weston, where he has served as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction since 2012. He has a wealth of experience in Fairfield County school districts, starting as a Science teacher at Fairfield's Tomlinson Middle School in 1992. Since then, he has been a



teacher at Middlesex Middle School in Darien, where he was also K-5 Science Specialist for the district; House Principal at Trumbull High School; Administrator for Staff and Student Services at Joel Barlow High School; and Principal at Weston Middle School.

"Dr. Craw brings a breadth and depth of expertise in educational leadership and a strong STEM background," said Dominic Cipollone, chairman of the Board of Education. "We are confident that he will lead our district to new heights, building on the foundational work done by his predecessor, Dr. Pat Cosentino."

Craw earned a Bachelors in Biology from Amherst College, a Master of Arts in Teaching for Biology Education from Brown University, and a doctorate in Science Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. He also completed the 6th Year Educational Leadership program at Southern Connecticut State University.

"I am extremely honored to be the next superintendent of the New Fairfield Public Schools," Craw said. "The opportunity to partner with the board and to work collaboratively with staff, families and the community is very exciting. I eagerly anticipate meeting students and becoming an established presence in the schools."

Craw is replacing Dr. Pat Cosentino, who is retiring at the end of the school year after leading the district since 2018.

He was chosen from a pool of 15 applicants from four states that included superintendents, central office personnel, and business executives. The search was facilitated by consultants from Trumbull-based Cooperative Educational Services (CES), who guided the district's search committee through the decision-making process by providing a leadership profile based on feedback from the district's various stakeholders, and facilitating the interview process with candidates. The consultants employed an advanced interview technique proven to demonstrate the candidates' abilities to be successful in the leadership position by assessing their supervisory skills, qualities, and attributes against the established profile.

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.