

## **DECENNIAL ACCREDITATION VISIT TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Seven educators will conduct an on-site Initial or Decennial Accreditation Visit of Waterbury Arts Magnet School on October 18, 2021 through October 20, 2021; Principal Albini announced today. The Accreditation visit will be conducted under the direction of the Commission on Public Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The visiting team will be chaired by Mr. Francis T. Kennedy, Jr., Associate Director for Accreditation and School Improvement from New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Mr. Kennedy has had extensive experience in the Association's Accreditation process.

Principal Albini said, "The purpose of this Accreditation visit is to review and determine from an outside professional viewpoint the extent to which the school is aligned with the Standards for Accreditation. As part of the assessment, the visiting team will meet with all school constituents, review the school's Self-Reflection, visit a number of classes, and examine examples of student work submitted by the school. During the comprehensive Self-Reflection, the faculty will attempt to identify the school's strengths and determine those areas in which changes would be beneficial."

The chair of the visiting team, Mr. Kennedy, said, "Our purpose in visiting Waterbury Arts Magnet School is to assist the faculty in its pursuit of quality education for its students." Principal Albini pointed out, "The members of the visiting team are contributing their services to the school. This spirit of professional collaboration is one of the noted features of the New England Association. The goal of an Accreditation visit is to stimulate a continuing drive for improvement in the school." The members of the visiting team are teachers and administrators from a variety of schools in the Connecticut area.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is a voluntary membership organization of more than 2,000 public schools, independent schools, and vocational, technical, and career institutions. Of these, over 725 schools have been accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Schools. The Commission works with individual public schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of Accreditation and evaluation.



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