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Coventry Board of Education Appoints New Superintendent

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On September 22, 2011 the Board of Education unanimously appointed David Petrone as Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Petrone will begin on January 3, 2012, when the assignment of Interim Superintendent, Dr. Paul Smotas ends.

David Petrone has been an administrator in Coventry since 2000. He began as the Assistant Principal at the Capt. Nathan Hale School (CNH; grades 6-8), moved on to the Principal of the G. H. Robertson School (GHR; grades 3-5), and is currently serving as the Principal of CNH.

Mr. Petrone graduated from the American International College in Springfield, MA in 1989 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration. He attended UCONN and completed his Master's in Education in 1992 and then his Sixth Year Degree in Education Administration in 1999. Mr. Petrone worked in accounting and investment in the private field until he became a special education teacher in 1994 at the Manchester Regional Academy. David worked as a teacher, head teacher, and director in the Manchester school system before coming to Coventry.

Of the appointment, Dr. Smotas said, "Mr. Petrone has the vision, passion, value system and requisite skill set to lead the Coventry Public Schools. David's knowledge of the culture and his tenure in Coventry will be beneficial in his new role as Superintendent of Schools. He is extremely capable in developing and articulating the goals and objectives required to bring the Coventry schools to the "next level." David brings a spirit of collaboration to his new position, which I believe will be integral to the success of all students and staff members."