



PRESS RELEASE – June 18, 2009

Appointment of Assistant Principal for Weston Intermediate School

At a special meeting of the Board of Education held on June 17, 2009, Mr. Jason Bluestein was appointed as the new Assistant Principal for Weston Intermediate School. Mr. Bluestein who will begin his new duties on or about July 1, 2009, fills the vacancy recently created by the appointment of Mrs. Patricia Falber as Principal.

Mr. Bluestein is currently serving as the Assistant Principal of Rochambeau Middle School in Southbury, Connecticut, a position he has held since January 2006. Among his many responsibilities in this position, Mr. Bluestein created and led a school-based literacy team, authored an advisor/advisee proposal, and co-led efforts to differentiate instruction. Prior to this administrative experience Mr. Bluestein served as the District Instructional Improvement Teacher and Language Arts Curriculum Leader in Fairfield.

Mr. Bluestein has eight years of prior teaching experience in Grades 4 and 5, split between Beecher Road School in Woodbridge and Tashua School in Trumbull.

Mr. Bluestein holds a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Connecticut. He earned his M.S. degree in Education from Sacred Heart University. Mr. Bluestein completed his Advanced Graduate Degree from Southern Connecticut State University leading to his certification in Administration and Supervision.

Among his numerous professional activities, Mr. Bluestein is an Adjunct Professor at Sacred Heart University, teaching a variety of Language Arts graduate courses. He serves as a BEST Portfolio Scorer for the State Department of Education and participated in Leadership Conferences at Teacher's College Columbia University focusing on "best practice" research in reading and writing.

Mr. Bluestein holds a membership in the National Council Teacher's of English and was presented with the NCTE Young Leaders Award in 2002. He also is a member of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and several other educational organizations. Mr. Bluestein was a Celebration of Excellence winner in 2001.

The announcement of Mr. Jason Bluestein appointment was made to the Weston Intermediate School faculty on June 18, 2009, by Jerome R. Belair, Superintendent of Schools, who remarked that "we are indeed fortunate to have Jason Bluestein's outstanding leadership skills and instructional expertise join our administrative team". Mrs. Patricia Falber echoed her support and mentioned the strong partnership that they will form next year and in the future.