



Dr. Alicia M. Roy Named as the New Principal for North Canaan Elementary School

Falls Village, CT (March 8, 2018) - The North Canaan Board of Education is pleased to announce that following a thorough search, Dr. Alicia M. Roy has been selected as the new principal for North Canaan Elementary School.

The selection process began in January of 2018. There were more than thirty individuals who applied for the position. A Selection Subcommittee comprised of three Board of Education members was appointed in January 2018 to determine the most qualified candidates to interview.

A community survey was also conducted as part of the selection process. Teachers, staff members, parents, and community members were asked to rank the characteristics of a leader they deemed most important, as well as provide responses to a series of questions. The survey results were shared with Board of Education members.

The Selection Subcommittee interviewed eight candidates during initial interviews. Following this, the entire Board of Education was invited to meet and interview three finalists. In the end, it was a unanimous recommendation from the Selection Committee and the Board of Education members in attendance to strongly support Dr. Roy and to present her name as the next principal of North Canaan Elementary School.

“Dr. Roy's passion for ensuring our schools provide the highest quality education to each and every student is evident,” said Karen Riccardelli, Chair of the North Canaan Board of Education. “Her proven success with the implementation of various academic and social/emotional programs in previous districts is impressive and exactly what we were looking for in a Principal.”

Dr. Roy comes to North Canaan Elementary School from New Fairfield Public Schools where she served as Superintendent for the past eight years, leading that district to many academic achievements in student-based learning, as well as defining the district's mission, vision, and core values. Dr. Roy worked her way up to that position from Principal to Assistant Superintendent. Prior to joining New Fairfield Public Schools, she spent three years as a Vice Principal in Windsor, Connecticut.

“We are confident that Dr. Roy will bring our staff together and work as a team, will focus on our students and their individual achievements, and bring her strength, knowledge, and experience to our NCES community. Our Region is fortunate to have someone with Dr. Roy's talents and proven achievements,” said Dr. Pam Vogel, Superintendent of Region One Schools.

Dr. Roy received her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University, her Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Educational Administration from Westfield State College, a Master of Science in Journalism from Ohio University and her Bachelor of Arts from Providence College. She has also received numerous awards and certifications throughout her career.

Dr. Roy said that she is “honored to be selected as the next leader of North Canaan Elementary School and looks forward to meeting all students, staff, families, and community members.” She also indicated that she “will ensure that every person feels valued and respected, and that every voice is heard. We will all enjoy coming to school every day and be proud of our achievements, which we will celebrate as a community.”