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Avon Board of Education Announces Appointment of Michael Rafferty to Interim Principal at Avon Middle School

The Avon Board of Education and Central Administration of the Avon Public Schools are pleased to announcement the appointment of Michael Rafferty as Interim Principal at Avon Middle School. This appointment follows the departure of Marco Famiglietti who has been appointed Assistant Superintendent at Clinton Public Schools.

Following his retirement as principal of Old Saybrook Middle School in 2013, Michael Rafferty served as a school administrator in Salem Schools, Salem, Connecticut and has remained involved in education as a consultant and interim administrator in various other school districts.

Mr. Rafferty has served more than 44 years in education, as Principal at Old Saybrook Middle School, Old Saybrook, CT; Dedham Middle School, Dedham, MA; and South School, Holbrook, MA. He has also served as Assistant Principal at Austin Middle School, Lakeville, MA. His professional experiences include Guidance Counselor, Guidance Director, Instructor of Speech/Student Services and Instructor of Communications.

Mr. Rafferty was awarded a CAS Letter of Commendation in 2001; CAS Citation of Commendation in 2003; United States Department of Education School of Excellence Award 1997-1998; Connecticut Association of Schools Middle Level School of the Year 1996-1997 and 2005-2006; Student Leadership Awards for 2002, 2006 and 2013; New England League of Middle Schools Administrator's Award 2004; Parent and Community Group Award 2002; and School Spotlight Award from 2003 to 2015.

Michael Rafferty's involvement in professional organizations include: Old Saybrook Administrative Association (President, Treasurer and Negotiator), CAS (President, Treasurer, and Board of Directors), Connecticut Association of Middle School Principals Board of Directors, Public Relations Standing Committee Chairman, Middle School Programs Committee Chairman and Middle School Student Leadership Conference Committee. He has also served on the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Middle School Association, New England League of Middle Schools, Education Alliance at Brown University, Collaborative Alliance Network, and National School Leadership Network.

Mr. Rafferty earned his Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (6th Year Degree) from the University of Massachusetts. He also earned his M.S. in Counselor Education and B.S. in Speech and Psychology from the University of Wisconsin.

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