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Avon Board of Education Announces Appointment of David Peling as Avon High School Principal

At a special meeting on May 9, 2017, the Avon Board of Education unanimously appointed David Peling as Principal of Avon High School.

Mr. Peling began his career in public school administration at East Granby, CT as the principal of East Granby High School in 2012. Under his leadership, East Granby High School was named Newsweek Top 500 in 2015; College Board's Honor Roll in 2014 and 2015 and was recognized as a Connecticut School of Distinction in 2013 and 2015. Prior to his position as principal, David Peling taught Social Studies at Hall High School in West Hartford for eighteen years where he was nominated as Connecticut Council for Social Studies Teacher of the Year. Peling's dedication to teaching expanded his boundaries beyond Connecticut to Moscow, Russia; St. Petersburg, Russia; and Qingdao, China where he taught English to elementary, middle and high school students.

David Peling earned his Bachelor of Arts in Russian and Soviet History at the University of Arizona and went on to obtain his Master of Science degree in History at the Southern Connecticut State University. At the University of Connecticut, he received his Sixth Year Diploma in Educational Leadership and expects to complete his Doctorate of Education in the coming year.

"The work we do is too important to not get it right. The combination of supported teachers, a collaborative approach, the utilization of effective instructional strategies that engage students in the learning process, and data informed professional development, will ultimately provide the greatest outcomes for Avon High School students. I believe that my experience as a teacher and coach, my experience teaching in Russia and China, my successful tenure as a principal in East Granby, and my doctoral work at the University of Connecticut have prepared me to be the next principal," stated Mr. Peling.

Gary S. Mala, Avon Superintendent of Schools, offered the following comments about Mr. Peling's appointment, *"I am very pleased to welcome to David to our Avon Public Schools community. His extensive teaching background, experience as a high school principal, comprehensive background in teaching and learning and well-articulated desire to support all Avon High School students, families and staff are just some of the many positive attributes David possesses that will support his long term success with us."*

Mr. David Peling will begin his position as Avon High School principal on July 1, 2017.

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