



**Avon Public Schools**  
**Press release**  
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After a nationwide search, Avon Public Schools announced Mr. Michael Renkawitz as the new Avon High School Principal at a special Board of Education meeting on August 8, 2018. Mr. Renkawitz has been a principal for thirteen years, the last five of which have been at Thompson Brook School in Avon. "After spending time at Avon High, speaking to faculty, staff, students, parents, and community members, as well as reviewing the input collected from the entire community during the previous search for a principal last year," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bridget Heston Carnemolla explained, "it was clear that Renkawitz was the right fit to lead the school." "With his administrative experience, both inside and outside of Avon, he possesses the skills to create a positive culture of stability and to engage all AHS stakeholders in realizing our common vision of an excellent educational experience for all of our children," Carnemolla added.

Mr. Renkawitz's more than twenty-five years in education have included classroom teaching at the sixth grade level, seven years as an assistant principal, as well as his time as a principal at Ware Middle School in Ware, MA; King Philip Middle School in West Hartford, CT, and at Avon's Thompson Brook School. In addition to the Sixth Year in Education Administration, the Master of Teaching, and the Master of Business Administration degrees that Mr. Renkawitz has earned, he also served as an officer in the United States Army for four years. Now, Mr. Renkawitz is excited to begin a new chapter at the helm of the community's flagship school. "While I have thoroughly enjoyed the students, staff, and families during my time at Thompson Brook, I am honored to begin a new chapter in my career at Avon High School. I look forward to the opportunities and the new experiences that being our high school principal will bring." Board of Education Chair Debra Chute said, "Many of us on the Board of Education have had the pleasure of working with Mike since he first arrived in Avon. He has proven himself as a committed and talented member of our administrative team at Thompson Brook, and it is an honor to welcome him to the high school."

A search for a Principal at Thompson Brook School will now begin, and Ms. Rita Peretto, former (retired) Assistant Principal at Thompson Brook School will serve as Interim Principal while the search is underway. Meanwhile, said Renkawitz, "TBS will be ready to open. It is an experienced staff that knows what is expected and is committed to meeting the needs of the students. The office staff and custodians have, once again, worked diligently throughout the summer to put everything in place. We expect a smooth start to the school year."

The first day of school for students in Avon is August 28, 2018.

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