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Board of Education Appoints Christopher Tranberg, Avon High School Principal

At a special meeting held on the evening of May 13, 2013, the Avon Board of Education appointed Christopher Tranberg to the position of Principal of Avon High School.

Mr. Tranberg's career as a public school administrator began in 2008 as the Director of Performing Arts in Simsbury Public Schools and was appointed in 2010 as Assistant Principal of Simsbury High School. Mr. Tranberg is a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College, Ohio, where he received his Bachelors' of Music degree in Music Education and Performance and received his Masters of Music Education at the University of Hartford. Mr. Tranberg also earned his Certificate of Advanced Studies in Administration and Supervision at Sacred Heart University and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Gary S. Mala, Avon Superintendent of Schools stated, "We are fortunate to have Christopher join us in Avon. He has proven to be an effective leader in the Simsbury Public Schools and brings with him a great wealth of knowledge, a proven track record for establishing meaningful, productive relationships with the many groups associated with leading a high performing high school. Christopher will contribute the energy, enthusiasm and commitment necessary to continue to assist our high school, and its faculty and staff, toward a common vision." "We are very pleased to have another educational leader who shares a common vision and passion for the success of all children," Mr. Mala added.

The appointment of Mr. Tranberg by the Board of Education was the final step in an intensive search and selection process that began in March. Following the establishment of a thirteen-member Search and Selection Committee consisting of faculty, staff, parents and members of the Board of Education, a community survey was developed and administered publically. Based on the survey results and a paper screening process, the Committee identified six candidates to advance to the interview stage from an applicant pool of twenty-five. The Committee subsequently held three rounds of interviews and a full day where each semi-finalist met with district administrators, the current high school administration, students, parent representatives and a cross section of members of the Avon High School faculty and staff before moving Christopher forward to the Board of Education for the finalist interview.

Mr. Tranberg is expected to begin his position as Avon High School Principal on a date to be determined.