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Board of Education Appoints Kelly Grant, Avon Public Schools' Director of Pupil Services

At a special meeting held on the evening of June 10, 2013, the Avon Board of Education appointed Kelly Grant to the position of Director of Pupil Services for Avon Public Schools.

Mrs. Grant's career within the field of education began over thirty years ago as a classroom teacher. Prior to Mrs. Grant's position as our Supervisor of Pupil Services in October 2012, she served in the same position for seven years at East Hartford Public Schools. She has also served in the capacity of school psychologist at various districts in her career. Since the spring of 2012, Mrs. Grant has also taken on the role of Adjunct Professor at the University of St. Joseph teaching a course entitled, *Students with Mild Disabilities*. Kelly Grant is a graduate of Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA, where she received her Bachelors' of Arts in Bilingual Education and Psychology. She also has received Masters of Education in both Elementary Education and School Psychology from Worcester State College, MA. In 2001, Mrs. Grant earned her Administrative Certification from Sacred Heart University in Lisbon, CT.

Gary S. Mala, Avon Superintendent of Schools stated, "This appointment comes after a long, comprehensive search and selection process." "Mrs. Grant's knowledge base, commitment to providing comprehensive professional development for all staff and her understanding of how best to establish and maintain positive relationships with parents and others inculcated the committee's decision to recommend Kelly's appointment as the next Director." Mr. Mala added.

The appointment of Mrs. Kelly Grant 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 sixteen-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 seven candidates to advance to the interview stage from an applicant pool of twenty-three. 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 district's faculty and staff before moving Mrs. Grant forward to the Board of Education for the finalist interview.

Mrs. Grant is expected to begin her position as Avon Public School's Director of Pupil Services on July 1, 2013.