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**Avon Board of Education Appoints Michael Renkawitz as Principal of Thompson Brook School**

At a special meeting, the Avon Board of Education appointed Michael Renkawitz to the position of Principal for Thompson Brook School.

Mr. Renkawitz has served as the Principal of King Philip Middle School in West Hartford since 2007 and was their assistant principal for four years prior to being principal. Mr. Renkawitz also served for three years as principal at Ware Middle School in Ware, MA. Michael Renkawitz began his education career over twenty-one years ago as a classroom teaching, having taught at Longmeadow, MA, as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom teacher for six years. Mr. Renkawitz is a graduate St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY, where he received his Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in Business Administration and Marketing. He went on to earn his MBA at Western New England College in Springfield, MA. In 1992, Mr. Renkawitz earned his Masters of Teaching degree from Elms College in Chicopee, MA and received his Administrative Certification from Northeastern University in Marlborough, MA in 1997.

Gary S. Mala, Avon Superintendent of Schools stated, *“The Avon Public Schools and the Thompson Brook School community are very excited about the selection and appointment of Michael Renkawitz as the next Principal. He earned the respect and unanimous endorsement of the search and selection committee participants during the various steps of the process and from the Board of Education members as well. His experience and success with leading others toward a common focus on meeting the needs of all children will serve our school and community well.”*

The appointment of Mr. Michael Renkawitz by the Board of Education was the final step in an intensive search and selection process that began the end of June. Following the establishment of an eleven member Search and Selection Committee consisting of faculty, staff and members of the Board of Education, a community survey was developed and administered publicly. Based on the survey results and a paper screening process, the Committee identified eleven candidates to advance to the interview stage from an applicant pool of twenty-one. 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, parents and a cross section of members of the district’s faculty and staff before moving Mr. Renkawitz forward to the Board of Education for the final interview.

Mr. Renkawitz is expected to begin his position as Avon Public School’s Principal of Thompson Brook School in time for the commencement of the 2013-2014 school year.

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