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CLINTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES & INFORMATION

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PERSONNEL UPDATE

The Clinton Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of two new staff members:

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Ms. Kimberly Pearce will be joining the Clinton Public Schools' administrative team in the role of Director of Special Services. Ms. Pearce comes to Clinton from Hamden Public Schools where she has served as the Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the past 7 years. Ms. Pearce holds an administrative certificate from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, a 6th year professional diploma and masters in school psychology from Southern Connecticut State University, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Albertus Magnus College.

Prior to her Director role in Hamden, Ms. Pearce served as the Supervisor of Special Education and Assistant Supervisor of Special Education for the Milford Public Schools, and as a School Psychologist and behavioral specialist in Hamden, Connecticut.

The selection committee recommended Ms. Pearce after an extensive and competitive interview process. Ms. Pearce brings to the Clinton community a proven track-record of special education leadership and expertise as well as a passion for creating opportunity and access to quality education experiences for all students. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Pearce to Clinton.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

We are proud to announce Mr. Lewis Pappariella has been appointed as the new Athletic Director for the Clinton Public Schools. Mr. Pappariella holds a 6th year diploma from Southern Connecticut State University, a masters degree in Education from the University of Bridgeport, and a bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education from Central Connecticut State University.

Mr. Pappariella has worked for the Cromwell Public Schools for the last 15 years as a Physical Education and Health teacher. He served as head coach of the varsity baseball team for 8 years from 2010 to 2018 where he led his team to five Shoreline Conference Championships during his tenure. In 2012, he coached the team to the Class S Baseball State Championship and was named Coach of the Year by the Middletown Press.

The selection process involved exploring candidates' skill set related to athletic leadership and management including budget oversight, communication, community relations, collaboration, and a vision for quality athletic programming at the middle and high school levels. The selection committee included Board of Education members, administrative and teaching staff, coaches, student athletes, and parents. Mr. Pappariella demonstrated his readiness for this position and we are excited to have him work with our coaches, student athletes, parents, and community as we continue to develop and strengthen our athletic program offerings for students.

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

- ⇒ First Day of School: Wednesday, August 28, 2019
- ⇒ Information regarding class placements, student schedules, and transportation routes will be communicated to parents the week of August 12th.
- ⇒ SchoolMessenger will be utilized by the building administration and central office to send updates and reminders to parents regarding the opening of the school year. Please make sure that you look for these messages to ensure that you receive all relevant and important school-related information.