



Smithtown Central School District

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Dear Smithtown School Community:

In a message that was sent on July 24, I informed you of Mr. Holl's resignation as the Principal of Smithtown High School West. With this news came the obvious task of identifying a candidate who would take his place as Principal. Thankfully, this was an easy decision for us and I am very pleased to share that at yesterday's Special Meeting, the Board of Education voted unanimously to accept my recommendation for Mr. Jon Macaluso to fill this very important leadership position. He has served the district with distinction as Assistant Principal at Great Hollow Middle School for the last 6 years and previously had successful administrative experience at the high school level as a Director of Guidance. His skill set, demeanor and work ethic give us confidence in his ability to be a great leader at High School West.

This decision also necessitated a search for his replacement at Great Hollow Middle School. Given that we were already engaged in the search process for an Assistant Principal at Nesaquake Middle School, and the candidate pool was very strong, I decided to recommend two candidates from that group for these vacant positions. These recommendations were also approved unanimously by the Board of Education at yesterday's meeting and I am pleased to share that Dr. Kelly Paplin, a 26 year veteran Smithtown teacher from Dogwood Elementary School, will serve as the Nesaquake Middle School Assistant Principal and Ms. Jennifer Caldwell, previously the Dean of Students at North Babylon Middle School, will serve as Assistant Principal at Great Hollow. They both have a great set of experiences that will serve them well in their new roles and we are excited to have them join our leadership team.

When you have the chance to interact with them, please join me in welcoming them to their new roles. With our collective support, I am sure they will thrive in their work to support our students and the staff who serve them.

Sincerely,

Mark Secaur, Ed. D.
Superintendent