

August 9, 2019

Dear Snow School Families,

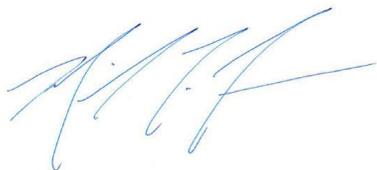
Happy August and I hope that you are having a great summer. Over the past six weeks, the Middletown Board of Education has been engaged in a rigorous process to select a new principal for Snow School for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. The candidate pool was highly competitive with over 100 applicants. The interview committee, consisting of a Snow School parent, teachers, district/school administrators, Board of Education Chair Christopher Drake, and myself, asked candidates questions focused on leadership, building teacher capacity for effective instruction, school-based operations, and parent/community involvement. Each candidate participated in four rounds of interviews. On Tuesday August 6, 2019 at a Special Meeting of the Board of Education, the nominated candidate Ms. Colleen Fitzpatrick, was approved.

Ms. Fitzpatrick has been a Middletown Public School educator for 27 years. For the past five years, Ms. Fitzpatrick has served as the Elementary Instructional Support Teacher (EIST) at Snow School. During Ms. Fitzpatrick's tenure as EIST, Snow School has implemented new instructional initiatives aligned with *Middletown 2021: Keys to Innovation and Equity Strategic Operating Plan* and was recognized as a "School of Distinction" by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

I am confident that Ms. Fitzpatrick will continue the positive achievement trajectory and culture that has been established at Snow School. An introductory letter from Ms. Fitzpatrick will be disseminated to you on Monday, August 12, 2019. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Fitzpatrick as she transitions into her new role. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (860) 638-1401 or email at connerm@mpsct.org. I look forward to seeing everyone in three weeks as we officially start the 2019 – 2020 academic year.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Conner', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael T. Conner, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools