

BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT

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Presented by: Joe Larcheveque, Board Chair

BRIDGEPORT, CT – March 30, 2017 At the meeting held on Monday evening, the Bridgeport Board of Education unanimously selected Aresta Johnson, Ed.D. to become the Superintendent of Bridgeport Public Schools. Dr. Johnson currently serves as Bridgeport’s interim superintendent and was one of the finalists after a five-month nationwide search conducted by Ray and Associates.

“The Bridgeport Board of Education is excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Aresta Johnson as Superintendent,” stated Joseph Larcheveque, Board of Education Chair. “We are confident that we found an outstanding educational leader right in our own district who has the experience and insight needed to engage our staff, our families and our community on behalf of our students.”

Ray and Associates began the search for Bridgeport’s next superintendent in October 2016, promoting the position and meeting with Bridgeport Public School staff and administrators, parents and families, community groups and other stakeholders to develop a list of preferred qualities for a candidate wanting to come to Bridgeport. The search firm received over fifty applications. The list was narrowed down and the Board interviewed the top three candidates. The two finalists presented at a community forum on March 23, 2017.

“We are pleased with the outcome of our search and look forward to working with Dr. Johnson on the important work that lies ahead of us which includes the immediate need to battle for proper funding and resources.” said Larcheveque. “Dr. Johnson has already worked tirelessly in recent months to engage our city and state elected officials so they are aware of the devastating cuts that will happen if we cannot secure the funding needed for our children.”

Dr. Johnson brings more than twenty years of educational experience, having served in Bridgeport as a curriculum director, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent. She was chosen as interim superintendent in December 2016 to replace then interim Frances Rabinowitz when she resigned.

Dr. Johnson has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, a Master of Science degree in Secondary Education, and a 6th year Certificate of Advanced Studies. She completed her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Bridgeport, where she serves as an Adjunct Faculty member. In addition, she earned the Superintendence Certification from the University of Connecticut.

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