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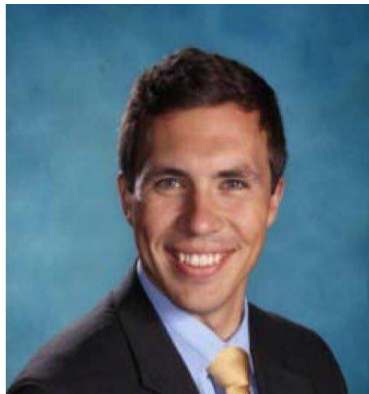
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COLCHESTER CONGRATULATES DR. CHARLES E. HEWES AND WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT JESSICA L. KUCKEL



COLCHESTER - Dr. Charles E. Hewes, Assistant Superintendent of Colchester Public Schools, has been named the new Deputy Commissioner at the State of Connecticut Department of Education. The State Board of Education took official action and voted unanimously at its Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, appointing Dr. Hewes as Deputy Commissioner. "It has been an honor and a privilege to have served the students and families of Colchester, as well as work with the District's expert faculty and staff" said Dr. Hewes. Dr. Hewes began his professional career in Colchester 17 years ago as a teacher at Bacon Academy. Over the years, he has served as a teacher, coach, Assistant Principal, Director of Teaching and Learning and most recently, Assistant Superintendent. "While I am sad to lose him as a colleague here in Colchester, I cannot think of a better person to lead curriculum work or a better advocate for public education than Dr. Hewes" said Superintendent Daniel P. Sullivan, III. Dr. Hewes last day in the District will be September 29, 2023.



COLCHESTER - On Wednesday, September 6, 2023, the Colchester Board of Education unanimously appointed Jessica L. Kuckel as the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Kuckel began her career in education as a social worker for the Milford Public Schools and then for the Capital Region Education Council (CREC). She has a Masters in Social Work from Southern Connecticut State University, a 6th year degree from the University of Bridgeport, and completed the Executive Leadership program at Central Connecticut State University in 2020. Ms. Kuckel began working in the South Windsor Public Schools as the Supervisor of Elementary Special Education in 2014. Three years later, she was appointed Director of Special Services and in 2023 was promoted to the role of Executive Director of Student Services. "I am thrilled and honored to be appointed as the Assistant Superintendent for the Colchester Public Schools. This is a



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remarkable opportunity to contribute to the standard of educational excellence this community holds, and I can't wait to work alongside our dedicated educators, staff, families, and community members" said Ms. Kuckel. "Jessica's wide range of experiences, especially in related services, and special education will be an asset to the Colchester Public Schools. We are excited to welcome her to our leadership team and the Colchester community" said Superintendent Daniel P. Sullivan, III.