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FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION EFFECTIVE  
JULY 1, 2019**

Superintendent Kathleen C. Greider and the Farmington Board of Education are proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Scott Hurwitz to the position of Principal of Farmington High School (FHS) effective July 1, 2019 replacing Dr. Bill Silva who is retiring effective June 30, 2019.

In his current role as the Principal of Irving A. Robbins Middle School (IAR), Dr. Hurwitz has established a highly caring school environment with a focus on academic excellence. As a skilled instructional leader, Dr. Hurwitz exhibits expertise in curriculum, instruction and programming aligned to Farmington's innovative improvement design. His leadership expertise will advance improvement efforts in the areas of purpose-driven, student-directed, socially-constructed and mastery-based learning at FHS. Dr. Hurwitz brings a record of success with his commitment to collaboration among all constituencies in establishing a positive school climate, highly active classroom learning environments and excellence in student outcomes. Through clear, consistent and open communication, Dr. Hurwitz establishes partnerships between teachers, parents and students which lead to ownership and enactment of strategic improvement efforts among all members of the school community. He is also a highly visible leader who connects with students, colleagues and parents on a daily basis. Prior to his current position, Dr. Hurwitz served as Interim Principal of Gideon Welles School and Assistant Principal of Gideon Welles School in Glastonbury.

Superintendent Greider states, "I am honored and pleased to support Dr. Hurwitz as he moves to his new position as Principal of FHS. FHS continues to lead the way in the areas of curriculum, instruction, student-engaged assessments and programming. With Dr. Hurwitz joining the FHS community, I am confident that the school's innovative improvement work will continue to evolve and advance so that FHS remains at the forefront of excellence. Dr. Hurwitz is a skilled and accomplished leader with a strong background in school-based leadership. His commitment to Farmington's improvement design and goals will bring continuity and a smooth transition of leadership at FHS. As an expert instructional leader, his collaborative approach will promote continuous strategic improvement at FHS now and in the future. Dr. Hurwitz will prioritize building strong relationships and furthering a commitment to innovation and outstanding outcomes at FHS."

Board of Education Chair Christopher Fagan commented, "Dr. Hurwitz has quickly proven to all members of the IAR school community and the Board of Education that he is an excellent choice to lead FHS. He is an innovative leader with a student-centered approach in all aspects of his leadership work. He leads with relationships and this is vital to ensuring each child feels a strong belonging to the school community. On behalf of the Board of Education, I enthusiastically welcome Dr. Hurwitz to his new role as Principal of FHS."

Upon his appointment, Dr. Hurwitz commented, "To say I have been honored to be a member of the Irving A. Robbins Middle School community would be an understatement. I am grateful for the wonderful parents, students, teachers, administrators, and community members I have partnered with at IAR. I am eager to build upon these positive relationships at Farmington High School as we work together in the years ahead to continue the proud tradition of excellence and innovation that exists at FHS and throughout our community. At the end of this school year, I look forward to joining the Class of 2023 in their transition to FHS while also working with our outstanding faculty and staff to support the Classes of 2022, 2021, and our seniors in the Class of 2020. It is an honor to join the nationally recognized Farmington High School community where we will continue to build strong connections as "One School--One Community--One Us!"

### **Brief Bio:**

Dr. Hurwitz received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education – History and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Connecticut. He received his Master's Degree in School Building Leadership at New York Teacher's College Columbia University and recently earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D) at the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Hurwitz is the recipient of the Connecticut Association of School's Exemplary Teaming Practices Award. He has served as the Vice President of the Summer Principals Academy Leadership Council and is the recipient of numerous educational scholarships and grant awards. He has served as a UCAPP Mentor Principal and a Sacred Heart University Mentor Principal. Dr. Hurwitz is a University of Connecticut New England Scholar, Homer Babbidge Scholar Award Recipient University of Connecticut and was inducted into the National Collegiate Honor Society.

**MS. NILDA IRIZARRY IS APPOINTED PRINCIPAL OF  
IRVING A. ROBBINS MIDDLE SCHOOL BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019**

Superintendent Kathleen C. Greider and the Farmington Board of Education are proud to announce the appointment of Ms. Nilda Irizarry to the position of Principal of Irving A. Robbins (IAR) Middle School effective July 1, 2019 replacing Dr. Scott Hurwitz who has been appointed to the position of Principal of Farmington High School effective July 1, 2019.

During her time as Assistant Principal of IAR, Ms. Irizarry has fostered strong relationships with all constituencies. Her expertise in the areas of teaching, learning and student-engaged assessments has led to collaborative improvement efforts at IAR that have strengthened the school's student-centered approach. Ms. Irizarry promotes a shared leadership model and a commitment to data-driven decision making when monitoring school improvement priorities throughout the school year. As a highly collaborative leader, she has brought many opportunities for student voice to flourish at IAR creating an environment of innovation shared by all members of the IAR school community. Ms. Irizarry, in partnership with faculty and staff, increased opportunities for students to participate in student-directed clubs, instructional rounds and student-led projects. This commitment to student voice and purpose-driven learning will advance improvement efforts at IAR aligned to Farmington's improvement design. Prior to her position of Assistant Principal of IAR, she served as the English Department Chair at Simsbury High School and served as an English teacher at Fairfield Warde High School.

Superintendent Greider states, "Ms. Irizarry has been a key contributor at the school and district levels since joining the Farmington school district community. She has not only fostered a culture of caring, but she has also enhanced a culture of innovation at IAR. Her deep belief in the power of educator efficacy has led to a strong sense of pride and ownership of the improvement work among all members of the IAR community. Ms. Irizarry will provide a smooth transition of leadership at IAR and she will work collaboratively with faculty, staff and students to advance IAR's strategic improvement efforts and commitment to a tradition of excellence. I am thrilled for the students, faculty and staff of IAR to have such a dynamic and caring administrator leading our middle school into the future. I am very proud and pleased to support Ms. Irizarry in her new role as Principal of Irving A. Robbins Middle School."

Board of Education Chair Christopher Fagan commented, "From the moment Ms. Irizarry became an administrator in Farmington, she has exhibited exceptional leadership and a deep commitment to the students, faculty and staff of Farmington. Her instructional expertise and caring approach will continue to enhance innovation and improvement at IAR now and in the future. IAR is an exemplar for middle school education in Connecticut and beyond and I have no doubt that Ms. Irizarry will partner with all IAR constituencies to further this tradition of excellence in achievement."

Upon her appointment, Ms. Irizarry commented, "It has been an honor and privilege to lead collaboratively at IAR. I am grateful and humbled to continue my leadership in Farmington, especially at such an exemplary school with a dedicated faculty and staff. I respect and value IAR as a place of caring, high-quality learning and strong student achievement outcomes. I want to extend sincere gratitude to the district and building leadership teams because they support and advance our collective vision and mission every day. Lastly, I am thrilled to continue my

unwavering commitment and service to IAR students and families. I will forge new and promising partnerships to support student growth and success as the Principal of IAR."

**Brief Bio:**

Ms. Irizarry received her Bachelor of Science in English Education from Springfield College, her Master's Degree in the Teaching of English at Columbia University and her Sixth Year in Educational Leadership from the University of Bridgeport.

Ms. Irizarry was the recipient of the Brian Fagan Award in 2015, a Fairfield Public School PTA grant awarded to a teacher leader. She was featured in a 2015 NEASC newsletter which honored her as a committee member who applied new learning from the accreditation process to her position. Fairfield Living Magazine featured Ms. Irizarry as "Top Teacher" in Fairfield County in 2012 and 2014; nominated by students as their most influential teacher.

*A comprehensive national search for a new Assistant Principal of Irving A. Robbins and Assistant Principal of Farmington High School will begin immediately with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2019.*

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