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**FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF  
PRINCIPAL OF IRVING A ROBBINS MIDDLE SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2018**

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Superintendent Kathleen C. Greider and the Farmington Board of Education are proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Scott Hurwitz to the position of Principal of Irving A. Robbins (IAR) Middle School effective July 2, 2018.

After a comprehensive search, Mr. Hurwitz was selected from a large and strong pool of candidates. In his current role as the Acting Middle School Principal of Gideon Welles School in Glastonbury, Mr. Hurwitz has proven to be a motivated, dedicated and creative school leader with the ability to promote and foster a safe, positive, and supportive learning environment. He is experienced at working collaboratively to identify and implement best practices that meet the needs of all students. Mr. Hurwitz successfully collaborates across disciplines and grade levels to improve student learning and staff development. He is particularly skilled in clearly, consistently and openly communicating with and listening to all stakeholders. Prior to his current position, Mr. Hurwitz served as Assistant Principal of Gideon Welles School.

Superintendent Greider states, "I am so pleased to welcome Scott Hurwitz to Irving A. Robbins Middle School and the Farmington school district. Mr. Hurwitz is an accomplished leader with a strong background in school-based leadership. His commitment to Farmington's goals, improvement priorities and design was evident throughout the search process. He will bring energy, strong relationships and a commitment to excellence to his leadership work at IAR. Mr. Hurwitz is eager to meet the students, faculty and staff of IAR in the coming weeks. We are thrilled that he will lead IAR at this time of innovation at the middle school level in partnership with Ms. Irizarry, IAR faculty and staff members, parents and students."

Board of Education Chair Christopher Fagan commented, "Mr. Hurwitz is an exemplary instructional leader and an individual who will be a highly visible school leader. He is an innovative leader with a student-centered approach in all aspects of his leadership work. In Farmington, relationships matter and I am confident that Mr. Hurwitz will build connections and

strong relationships with all members of the IAR school community. As a result, he will help collaboratively lead and build upon the excellent improvement work occurring at IAR. On behalf of the Board of Education, I enthusiastically welcome Mr. Hurwitz to IAR and the Farmington schools."

Upon his appointment, Mr. Hurwitz commented, "I am honored to join the Farmington Public Schools and work with such a dedicated community of leaders and learners. I am eager to partner with the outstanding students, parents, teachers, and administrators that continue to make Farmington a nationally recognized school district committed to excellence in education. As we collectively seek to meet and exceed standards, we will always focus on building strong positive relationships based on mutual respect and trust. Irving A. Robbins Middle School has an outstanding faculty and staff that will continue to support the academic, social, and emotional development of all students as we work towards the Vision of the Farmington Graduate. I am proud and grateful to be a member of this dynamic and passionate community."

**Brief Bio:**

Mr. 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 is currently completing course work to earn his Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D) at the University of Connecticut.

Mr. 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. Mr. 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.

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