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Hampstead School District
"Educating all students to high standards"

**HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESS RELEASE
HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL BOARD HIRES SUPERINTENDENT**

Completing its search for a new Superintendent, the Hampstead School District is pleased to announce that of nineteen external candidates, **Mr. Robert Thompson** has been selected as the district's first Superintendent of Schools for SAU55 (Hampstead School District) under its single-district status effective July 1, 2021.

In order to complete the important task of identifying the top educational leader to meet the needs of Hampstead, the Search Committee met with candidates by way of interviews, staff forums, school visits, and virtual site visits. The school community was invited to a public forum via Zoom on February 11th and were afforded the opportunity to submit questions for the candidates and offer feedback to the School Board. The School Board met in non-public session on February 17th and Mr. Thompson was nominated to the position.

Mr. Thompson has served as Assistant Superintendent in Hollis Brookline since 2019. His educational leadership experience also includes Principal of Hollis Brookline Middle School and Dean of Students at Souhegan High School. Mr. Thompson has received his Master's Degree in Education, as well as holds an Ed. S. (Educational Specialist in Educational Administration and Supervision) degree.

"The School Board and Superintendent Search Committee are excited to bring Mr. Thompson in to lead Hampstead schools. His drive and commitment to students, staff and community are what ultimately led us to select Mr. Thompson for this key role! As a new single district SAU, Hampstead has the ability to shape our own future, and Mr. Thompson is the right person to lead us." – Caitlin Parnell, Hampstead School Board Chair

"The Hampstead School District has a long-standing reputation of educational excellence. I am honored to join a talented team of educators who are committed to serving the needs of the students in the Hampstead Community." – Robert Thompson

We look forward to Mr. Thompson getting to know the Hampstead school community over the next few months!