



# Southbridge Public Schools

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## Press Release

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### **Southbridge Public Schools Announces School Leadership Teams**

The Southbridge Public Schools is pleased to introduce school leadership teams for the 2019-2020 school year. In announcing the teams, Receiver/Superintendent Jeffrey Villar states, "Southbridge Public Schools remains focused on improving school culture and climate and implementing effective teaching strategies aligned with rigorous curriculum." He also adds, "We are excited to continue our partnership with the University of Connecticut to implement PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) in each of our schools."

Mistie Parsons returns to Southbridge Public Schools for another year and has been named Southbridge Middle School Principal and Senior Director of Secondary Instruction, while Patrick Danby returns to Southbridge Public Schools as Principal of Southbridge High School. Danby is in his fourth year with Southbridge Public Schools.

Aaron Couture has been hired as the Assistant Principal for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Mr. Couture comes to Southbridge Public Schools with considerable professional experience in public education.

Jabián Gutiérrez returns to Southbridge Middle High School as the Assistant Principal for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Gutiérrez was a Southbridge High School assistant principal in the 2018 – 2019 school year. He will support transitions from middle school to high school.

Amanda Miser has been hired as the Assistant Principal for 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades at Southbridge Middle High School. She comes to the district from Bridgeport and Hartford and believes in encouraging students to pursue high aspirations.

Dawn Micco returns to Southbridge Public Schools as Director of Operations for Southbridge Middle High School. She brings considerable knowledge of the middle high school and a familiarity with returning students to the position.

West Street School welcomes new principal Joanne Wilson. She has extensive experience with school improvement and turnaround plans, and also with instituting PBIS at the elementary school level. Maria Murray returns as Assistant Principal at West Street School.

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Judy Maisonet returns as principal of Charlton Street School. Raymond Cooper has been promoted to Assistant Principal at Charlton Street School, having previously served as Dean of Students at the school.

Mary Skrzpczak returns as principal of Eastford Road School. and Marilyn Stella has been promoted to Assistant Principal at Eastford Road School, having previously served as a teacher at the school.

The Southbridge Public School's 2019-2020 school year begins August 26<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 1 through 12. The first day of Kindergarten is August 28 and the first day of Pre-Kindergarten is August, 29.

More information about the Southbridge Public Schools can be found on its website, <http://www.southbridgepublic.org/>.

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