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STONINGTON WELCOMES NEW STAFF by Leanne Masterjoseph, Assistant Superintendent



As August came to a close, we were pleased to assemble our newest certified staff members for an orientation designed to welcome and assist them in their transition to our district. By the end of the two-day program, it was clear that our hiring committees had delivered absolute gems to our district! Please join us in welcoming the following individuals to our school community:

At SHS

Teresa Bonillo is the newest member of the SHS Art Department. She comes to us from Woodstock Academy and holds a degree in Fine Arts from Connecticut College.

Anne-Marie Houle will join the SHS Social Studies Department and will work with students in the Career Center. A familiar face to SHS, Anne-Marie is a graduate of Saint Joseph College.

Michaela Lamb will teach as a member of the SHS Physical Education Department this year. She is certified in both PE and Health, and prior to her arrival in Stonington, Michaela taught at Montville High School. She will begin her duties with us on October 1st.

Pat Porter joins our staff as a high school literacy support teacher after having taught in Greenwich and Montville. Pat is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University and Connecticut College. She holds degrees in Sociology and Reading/Language Arts.

Tammy Souza begins her work as a member of the Math Department at SHS this fall. With degrees in Biology, Psychology, Computer Science and Secondary Mathematics, Tammy brings a wealth of experience to the Stonington Public Schools.

Kaitlyn Sullivan is joining us as a special education teacher at SHS. She holds degrees from Salve Regina and Johnson & Wales University, and we wish her the best as she embarks upon her teaching career!

At PMS

Dana Hambidge is joining us as a long term substitute in grade 5 at PMS. Upon graduation from Stonington High School, Dana earned her undergraduate degree from University of Delaware and her MS from the University of New Haven.

Allyson Lubs will join us this year in grade 6 Language Arts at PMS. She has a degree from Central Connecticut State University and has recently

completed a very successful student teaching experience in Clinton.

Feng Xue joins SPS as the district introduces Mandarin Chinese to our World Language offerings. Feng will teach middle school students at Pawcatuck and Mystic Middle and will also teach one class of Mandarin at SHS. He is a familiar face to Stonington, as he has taught the very well-received Mandarin Chinese course in town through Adult Education.

At MMS

Laurie Ely is a new special education teacher at MMS. A graduate of James Madison University with degrees in sociology and special education, Laurie also brings experience as a former participant in the United States Coast Guard Officer Candidate School.

Anna Maria Foster is serving as a long-term substitute at Mystic Middle this year. She is a graduate of Midwestern State University and UConn. She will be with us through the end of January.

Barbara Welles joins the Mystic Middle School team as an 8th grade mathematics teacher. A graduate of Providence College and UConn, Barbara holds degrees in electrical engineering and mathematics/computer science.

Adam Phaiah enters his first year of teaching as a physical education and health teacher at MMS. Adam holds degrees from Eastern Connecticut State University and Mitchell College and has an intense interest in soccer.

At DMS

Susanne Diana joins the staff of DMS as a 3rd grade teacher. A graduate of Cornell and Sacred Heart University, Susy brings recent experience with the Waterford Public Schools.

Jaqueline Pastrana is a long term substitute at DMS. She received her professional training at Eastern Connecticut State University and Sacred Heart and will be teaching in grade 2.

Beth D'Amato will work with us as the DMS BEARS teacher. She brings teaching experience from Plymouth and Willimantic, and holds two degrees from the University of Connecticut. Beth is also a Disney fanatic.