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Region 15 Interim Superintendent Announced

June 12, 2018, Southbury/Middlebury, CT - At the June 11th Region 15 Board of Education (BOE) meeting, the BOE announced the appointment of Ralph M. Iassogna as Interim Superintendent of Region 15 Schools, effective July 1st, 2018. In November, 2017, the BOE accepted the retirement of Superintendent Regina Lemerich Botsford. Botsford's last day in Region 15 is June 30, 2018.

"Regina's impact on our Region will be enduring as we continue the work she started on the Region 15 Learner Expectations, which have become commonly known as the 6 C's. On behalf of the Region, we wish her the very best in her retirement," said Jennifer Connelly, Chairperson of the Region 15 Board of Education.

The Region 15 BOE has employed the services of the Executive Searches division of Cooperative Education Services (C.E.S.) to conduct the search for Botsford's successor. C.E.S. consultants, Drs. Thomas Jokubaitis and James Richie are leading the Region 15 Superintendent Search, having recently released a Leadership Profile based on valuable input from students, staff, parents, and citizens. Iassogna will be interim superintendent while the search for a permanent superintendent continues.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Iassogna to Region 15. His educational and leadership experiences, demonstrated accomplishments, and communication skills will be assets to Region 15. The Board welcomes him to the district and we will seamlessly continue our work maintaining the commitment to excellence for which Region 15 is known," said Connelly.

Iassogna's 47-year educational career brings to Region 15 extensive educational and administrative experience and several quality accomplishments. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Southern Connecticut State University and Masters and 6th Year Degrees from Fairfield University. He has held a variety of educational and leadership positions, including, teacher, principal, Assistant Superintendent, and 14-years as Superintendent of Trumbull Public Schools (TPS) in Trumbull, CT. He retired from Trumbull in June, 2013 and assumed a one year assignment of Acting Superintendent of the Brookfield Public Schools in August, 2015.

A career educator, Iassogna was instrumental in establishing full day kindergarten in TPS, coordinating TPS' emphasis on regular/special education initiatives with the establishment of the Trumbull Early Childhood Educational Center (TECEC), and played a key role in the Town of Trumbull's selection as one of the top communities to live in the both the country and state. Additionally, he achieved several recognitions during his tenure including recipient of the 2013 Connecticut PTO Superintendent of the Year; Bridgeport Regional Business Council's 1st Recipient of its Exemplary Superintendent of the Year Award; Board of Directors, St. Vincent's Special Needs Center; and Executive Board Member, Regional Youth/Adult Social Action Partnership.

"I am delighted to join the Region 15 Public Schools and look forward to working with such a quality and impressive school district. Although my tenure in Region 15 will be of a short duration, I am committed to furthering the goals and objectives of the district and to help insure a smooth transition for the new superintendent," said Iassogna.