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To: Watertown High School families

From: Dr. Rydell Harrison, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Paul Jones resigns as Principal of Watertown High School

Date: August 1, 2018

As you know, Watertown's High School's principal, Paul Jones, was selected as the new principal of Pomperaug High School. Mr. Jones' last day will be Friday, September 14. While we are excited about his new leadership challenge, we will miss his passion for students, dedication to academic growth, and commitment to the Watertown community. Please join me in wishing Mr. Jones well in the next chapter of his professional life.

Throughout the summer, our administrators have been gearing up for a strong start to the 2018-2019 school year and I expect to see the fruits of their labor when students return on August 30. Over the next few weeks, I will work closely with our administrators to develop a transition plan that maintains high quality leadership and support to the staff, ensures students are provided with a safe learning environment that supports their academic and social growth, and fosters open communication with WHS families. As you know, the Watertown High School staff works hard to ensure our students are college and career ready and I am committed to building on the strong foundation as we select a new principal. We will begin the search for a new principal immediately and will assemble a diverse interview team which includes teachers, students and parents.

Thanks in advance for your support during this transition period and thanks for all you do for Watertown Public Schools.