

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES
NEW STAFF**

The Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education has announced that they have hired the individuals noted on the attached page.

Any questions may be directed to the Central Office of the district at 345-4534.

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Regional School District # 17 Welcomes New Faculty

The Haddam Killingworth Board of Education extends its best wishes for a productive and safe 2008-2009 school year. The beginning of a new school year is a time of great excitement. The Haddam Killingworth school district is excited to introduce and welcome the newest members of our faculty.

High School

Phillip Holtz, Physics Teacher. Phillip has six years teaching experience in various levels of physics, chemistry and physical science. He comes to us from Bristol Central High School and he has received his B.S. and M.S. from Southern CT State University.

Janet Kohn, .7 FTE Child Development Teacher. Janet's past experience in Child Development has been at Waterford High School and at Jared Eliot Middle School in Clinton, where she developed a babysitting/home alone program. Janet received her B.S. from the University of Rhode Island and her M.S. from Southern and Eastern CT State University.

Shefali Metha, .5 FTE General Science Teacher. Shefali comes to us from California where she received his B.S. in Chemistry from The University of California. Her past experience includes being an instructor at John Hopkins University. Shefali received her M.S. from Central CT State University.

Erin Grant, Spanish. Erin has two years teaching experience. She taught at St. Francis Academy in Baltimore, MD and RHAM High School in Hebron. Erin is a 2002 graduate of Haddam Killingworth High School and plans on coaching track. She received her B.S. from St. Anselm College.

Middle School

Neil English, Assistant Principal. Neil comes to us from Old Saybrook Middle School where he has taught math for the past six years. Neil has a wide variety of experiences working with young students. He has been a resident director at the Grove School, Semester at Sea Residential Coordinator and an AmeriCorps N.C.C.C. Service Volunteer. Recently Neil has developed a district-wide Skills Program that boosts students' achievement. Neil received his B.S and M.S. from the University of Pittsburgh. He earned his 6th year degree from Sacred Heart University.

Holly Maynard, Special Education. Holly has previous experience in our HK community. She has worked with special needs students at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Holly received her B.A. from Central CT State University and her M.S. from Southern CT State University.

Elizabeth Young, .5 FTE School Counselor. Elizabeth was a counselor at Guilford High School from 1996-2003. Presently, she is a community volunteer for our Youth and Family Services working as a mentor with a middle school student. Elizabeth received her B.S. and M.S. from Southern CT State University.

Burr Elementary School

Jennifer Dorau, Pre-School Teacher. Jennifer comes to us from the New Britain YWCA Child Care Center where she was the head pre-school teacher for the past two years.

Jennifer has also worked at Trinity College as a support specialist for the summer programs. Jennifer received her B.A. from Eastern CT State University.

Melissa Dowd, Grade 1 Teacher. Melissa comes to us from Deep River Elementary School where she worked as a long term substitute in second grade. Melissa also has previous experience working in the Hamden and Bethany school districts. Melissa received her B.A. and M.A. from Quinnipiac University.

Laura Lenahan, Grade 3 Teacher. Laura has had previous teaching experience at Killingworth Elementary School where she has been a long term substitute in Art and worked as a 3rd grade teacher in a one year position. Laura received her B.A. from Trinity College and Sacred Heart University.

Killingworth Elementary School

Jennifer LaCoss, Reading Teacher. Jennifer's past experiences include teaching reading for the past 11 years in the Wallingford School system. Jennifer has also taught kindergarten, 4th grade and technology. Jennifer received her B.S. from Southern CT State University and her M.S. from S.C.S.U. and C.C.S.U.