

## **Eric Waddell chosen to lead Kittery School District as new Superintendent**

Kittery, ME - The Kittery School Committee is pleased to announce that Eric Waddell has been selected as the new Superintendent of Schools to succeed retiring Superintendent Allyn Hutton starting July 1, 2017. Mr. Waddell, well known in the community as the Principal of Traip Academy since 2012, was chosen from a pool of nearly twenty candidates. Under his leadership, Traip Academy has undergone significant changes in the delivery of teaching, approach to curriculum, and integration of learning both in school and through internships. His familiarity with the community and experience with “proficiency-based learning” make him an ideal candidate to lead the school district in the coming years.

“I am honored to have been selected to lead the Kittery School District”, says Eric Waddell. “We have so much going right in the District now, with talented and committed teachers, great leadership at Mitchell and Shapleigh Schools, and a community that is willing to innovate and wants the best for its kids. I am excited to continue charting the course with teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders.”

Superintendent Allyn Hutton stated, "the Kittery School Committee has made an outstanding choice in selecting Eric Waddell as the next Superintendent of Schools. He has the skills and commitment to Kittery to carry the district forward. I look forward to working with Mr. Waddell to make the transition seamless for staff, parents and students".

David Batchelder, Kittery School Committee Chair, led the search process for the new Superintendent with school committee Vice Chair Julie Dow and member Kim Bedard. He says, “We were fortunate to have attracted many very qualified candidates. Eric has the experience both in and outside of the District and the leadership qualities to continue the transformational work the Kittery School District has been engaged in. I want to thank all the parents, community members, staff, students and the School Committee who participated in a very thorough search process.”

Mr. Waddell holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Maine. He is currently working on his Certificate of Advanced Studies at the University of Southern Maine. Prior to coming to Kittery, Waddell was Curriculum Coordinator for MSAD #35 and an administrator at Presque Isle High School. He began his career as a high school English and social science teacher.

Mr. Waddell has been very active in professional organizations. He is a member of the Maine Principals’ Association (MPA), the National Association of Secondary School Principals, New England Secondary Schools Consortium, the New England Association of Schools & Colleges and the Rotary Club of Kittery where he serves as the Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Chairperson. He has also served as Co-Facilitator for Great Beginnings, a MPA Program to Support New Administrators, the MPA Ad Hoc Committee for Interscholastic Eligibility in a Proficiency-Based Learning Delivery System, and the MPA Drama Committee. He and his wife, Jennifer, have four children and reside in South Berwick, ME.

Mr. Waddell will continue to serve as Principal at Traip Academy through the end of the school year. A search for his replacement will begin immediately with the posting for the position taking place this week. A principal search committee will be established, with representation from the community, parents, students, staff, administrators and the school committee.