

VAN BUREN MOODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Jennifer Cannata, Principal

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Dear Moody School Community:



My name is Jennifer Cannata and I was recently appointed Principal of Van Buren Moody Elementary School. It is truly an honor to serve in this capacity. I consider parents and community members to be pivotal partners in the education process. I look forward to developing a collaborative working relationship with all the key constituents involved in educating children.

I have lived in Connecticut for almost 48 years. I graduated from Florida Southern College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and received a Master's degree in Education from Southern Connecticut University. In addition, I hold a second Master's degree in Thinking and Teaching from the Graduate Institute. In 2013, I earned my Intermediate Administration Certification (092) from Sacred Heart University and last summer completed the Superintendent of Schools (093) Certification Program at Central Connecticut University.

Throughout my career in education I had the opportunity to serve in various roles. I began my journey at Farm Hill Elementary School as a grade 4 and kindergarten teacher. I then went on to serve as a Reading Recovery teacher at Spencer School and then as an Elementary Instructional Support Teacher at Moody and Macdonough; 6 years of which were at Moody. Additionally, I was an Assistant Principal in the Meriden Public Schools and most recently, the Principal of Snow Elementary School since 2015. My experience has afforded me tremendous opportunities to establish relationships with central office and school based staff and students, parents, and community partners across the city. My goal is to further these relationships with you and your family.

During the third week of August, you will receive a Welcome Back Packet which will include pertinent information regarding the 2019-2020 school year; including teacher assignment. Until then, please mark your calendar with the following dates.

- Monday, August 26th from 5-6 p.m. - Kindergarten Meet and Greet
- Tuesday, August 27th from 5-6 p.m. - Grade 1-5 Meet and Greet
- Thursday, August 29th - First Day of School

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Meet and Greet.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Cannata

