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Dear Easton Parents:

I am pleased to announce that the Easton Board of Education has unanimously appointed **Susan Kaplan** as the new principal at Helen Keller Middle School, effective July 1, 2011. I wish to thank the staff members, administrators, parents and community members, and Board of Education member who served on the search committee for their time and thoroughness with the process.

As you know, Mrs. Kaplan has been the Assistant Principal at Helen Keller Middle School since 2008. Prior to that, she taught third grade from 1999-2003 and fifth grade science and math from 2003-2008 at Samuel Staples Elementary School. Throughout her career in the Easton School District, Susan has been an active participant in school-based and tri-district committees including math, science, health, guidance and social studies curriculum committees; Policy Review Committee; Tri-State Science Visit Steering Committee; Tri-district Implementation Team for the PowerSchool Data Management System; Tri-district Technology Committee; and the Tri-district Professional Growth and Evaluation Committee. She developed the five-year financial plan for introduction of Project Lead the Way at Helen Keller Middle School. Prior to her education career, Susan held various positions at IBM Corporation in the areas of marketing, accounting, asset operations, software security, and financial analysis.

Susan received her Bachelor of Science in Health Policy, Planning and Administration and her Master of Public Administration: Human Resources from New York University. She also received a Master of Science of Teaching: Elementary Education from the State University of New York, New Paltz. She earned her Intermediate Administrator Certification at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield.

One of her colleagues wrote, "Impressive intelligence, unrelenting commitment to academic excellence, steadfast belief in the potential of all children, impressive organizational skills, and selfless compassion distinguish Sue...(she) is objective; she seeks information before developing options or making decisions. She is an excellent listener." Another wrote, "Susan is intelligent, loyal, committed, and courageous...an educator whole-heartedly dedicated to the wellbeing of her students." A third wrote, "Susan understands the importance of involving key stakeholders in any decision and can quickly and adeptly move her vision forward, all the while keeping the needs of students as the highest priority."

Please join me in congratulating Susan Kaplan on her appointment as principal of Helen Keller Middle School!

Sincerely yours,

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