



Middletown Public Schools

Michael J. Frechette, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Mr. Marion Gillon
Massachusetts Department of Education
350 Main Street
Malden, MA 02148

Dear Mr. Gillon:

Dr. Bob Polselli has worked for the Middletown Public Schools at the district level since 2002. As the Educational Technology Coordinator and more recently the Director of Technology, he has played a key leadership role in establishing and meeting our district goals relating to educational technology. From fiscal responsibilities, data-driven decision making, planning, curriculum, stakeholder support, professional development, and community awareness to supervision of the Network Manager, Data Manager, Educational Technologists, and Educational Technology Specialists, Bob exemplifies the characteristics of an effective leader.

Bob has driven technology in our district to a significantly more sophisticated level through professional development and support of administrators, teachers, and students. Among some of his notable accomplishments as our district's technology leader is his development/coordination of grades six, seven, and eight mandatory technology skills courses, a technology ePortfolio that meets the CT State Department of Education's Information Technology Literacy assessment standards, online learning initiatives for more than 50 high school students each year, Internet Safety training seminars for parents that were attended by both the Attorney General Richard Blumenthal as well as aired on Dateline NBC, more than 400 teacher and department managed websites, videoconferencing, online elementary report cards, a student work-study program for PC/Network repair, and an online student assessment portal for teachers and administrators. Dr. Polselli leads this district's technology quite effectively, ensuring that students are technology literate and that technology is appropriately leveraged as an effective instructional tool.

Bob's enthusiasm, work ethic, skills, and knowledge will serve him well as an educational leader. He possesses the qualities that I have come to expect in an administrator that gets the job done well.

Should you have questions please contact me at 860-638-1401.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Frechette, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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bcc: Bob Polselli, Ph.D.