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Exeter-West Greenwich Superintendent to Lead State Secondary-School Reform Programs

PROVIDENCE – The R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) has selected Roy M. Seitsinger Jr., superintendent of the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District, as the new director of the Office of Middle School and High School Reform.

In his new position, Dr. Seitsinger will be responsible for leading, managing, and supporting school-reform efforts in the middle schools, high schools, career-and-technical programs and centers and in K-12 counseling programs throughout the state.

His appointment comes at a time when RIDE is in the process of implementing the new Rhode Island Diploma System, which will require that all students, beginning with the class of 2008, demonstrate proficiency in each of the core subject areas in order to graduate. All students will demonstrate proficiency through such means as a senior project, a demonstration, or a portfolio of their work.

“Roy Seitsinger has been a leader in the state among superintendents and among principals,” said Peter McWalters, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. “He will bring great insight and experience to the team at RIDE, as we work to ensure that all of our graduates are well prepared for higher education and for challenging careers.”

Dr. Seitsinger, of North Kingstown, has been superintendent in Exeter-West Greenwich for four years. Previously, he was an assistant superintendent in Bristol Warren and a principal in North Kingstown. He began his career as an elementary-school teacher.

A former vice-president of the Rhode Island School Superintendents Association, Dr. Seitsinger holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Connecticut and master’s and bachelor’s degrees in education from Bridgewater State College, in Massachusetts.

Dr. Seitsinger is to begin work at RIDE next week (Aug. 6th). He fills the position last held by Ken Fish, who retired from state service last December.

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