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### **Principal Selected for Ottoson Middle School**

The Arlington Public Schools announced today that Brian Meringer has accepted the position of Principal of Ottoson Middle School. Mr. Meringer will officially assume his responsibilities as Principal on July 1, 2018.

In making this announcement, Superintendent Kathleen Bodie noted his record of high achievement in his current and previous positions, "Ottoson Middle School will benefit from a highly capable, student focused, and proven school leader as it transitions next year to a grade seven and eight school. Mr. Meringer comes with high praise from his colleagues, students, and community and we look forward to him filling this key role on the leadership team for the district."

Dr. Bodie emphasized that the district attracted very strong candidates for the Ottoson position. All finalist candidates were very accomplished, and they will continue to provide excellent public education leadership in their current and future positions.

Mr. Meringer has been in his current position of Assistant Headmaster of the Dover Sherborn Middle School since 2013. Previously he was a Housemaster in the Philip O. Coakley Middle School in Norwood. In Norwood he also coached Varsity Girls Basketball and Boys Soccer. From 2002 through 2008 he taught both sixth and seventh grade in the Wellesley Middle School. While teaching social studies, language arts and literacy there, he also completed his administrative internship. He began his work as an educator teaching social studies in middle schools in the Concord and Rockport Public Schools.

Mr. Meringer received his BA from the University of New Hampshire. He holds a Master of Arts in Teaching History from Boston College and a Master of Education in Organization Management from Endicott College.

Superintendent Bodie invites the community to join her in welcoming Brian Meringer to the district as Arlington enters a new phase of middle school education. The new Gibbs Sixth Grade School will open in September 2018, while the Ottoson Middle School opens its doors as a school for seventh and eighth grade students at the same time.

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