

Jeromy Nelson, Darien Schools Co-ordinator of Tech Engineering, Business & Computer Science, Takes Job Elsewhere

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Jeromy Nelson, the Darien Public Schools coordinator of technology engineering, business and computer science, will leave the district at the end of the school year to take a similar position as director of fine, applied and technical arts for the Region 15 school district in Southbury and Middlebury.

The two towns in the district are between Newtown and Waterbury.

Nelson was picked after the district considered 47 other applicants for the job.

He has been a technology and engineering education teacher in Darien for the past 14 years. For the past five, he's also been the co-ordinator of the program for technology engineering, business and computer science for the school district.

"I am confident that Mr. Nelson will be successful in working with our community and staff to continue the high standards of educational excellence, appreciation for arts, and collaborative technical and art programs for which Region 15 is known," Regions 15 Schools Superintendent Regina Lemerich Botsford said in a

news release.

Nelson received the 2016 International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) [Connecticut Teacher of the Year award](#), and he has been an adjunct professor at the University of Bridgeport. He's also served on a variety of leadership teams overseeing districtwide initiatives.

Outside of the school community, Nelson has been involved in various ways in the Boy Scouts of America Camp Mattatuck, most recently serving as camp director.

“I am looking forward to being part of Region 15 and am focused on maintaining and further developing a dynamic, collaborative program based on high expectations for student achievement,” Nelson said in the news release.

SIDEBAR: WHAT SOME STUDENTS HAVE SAID OF HIM

When Nelson won the Connecticut Teacher of the Year award from the ITEEA, the Darien Public Schools announcement quoted two unnamed students' assessment of him as a teacher:

“Mr. Nelson is the teacher that in 20-30 years you will remember as the one who changed your life. He is devoted to the success of his students, not simply educating them but making them into positive, functioning members of society.”

“I have met few people in my life as supportive as Mr. Nelson. Each day he goes above and beyond to give his students every opportunity to be successful in exploring their interests and furthering their education.”

Here's the full text of the June 2 announcement from Region 15 Schools:

Region 15 Superintendent of Schools Regina Lemerich Botsford is pleased to announce that Jeromy Nelson has been appointed as Director of Fine, Applied, and Technical Arts in Region 15.

This action was taken at the June 1, 2017 special meeting of the Board of Education. His position will be effective beginning July, 2017. The position garnered 48 applications, which were vetted through an extensive process involving committees comprising teachers, parents, and administrators.

“I am very pleased to welcome Mr. Nelson to our district and am very appreciative of the members of the search committee who thoroughly evaluated applicants for this position and recommended such a highly qualified candidate. I am confident that Mr. Nelson will be successful in working with our community and staff to continue the high standards of educational excellence, appreciation for arts, and collaborative technical and art programs for which Region 15 is known,” said Regina Lemerich Botsford, Superintendent

of Region 15 Schools.

Mr. Nelson is currently the coordinator of technology engineering, business and computer science in the Darien Public School system in Darien. He has been a technology and engineering education teacher in the Darien Public School District for the past fourteen years, concurrently serving as coordinator for the past five years.

In addition to his administrative and teaching leadership positions, he is the recipient of the 2016 International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) Teacher of the Year award, has been an adjunct professor at the University of Bridgeport and has served on a variety of leadership teams overseeing district wide initiatives. Outside of the school community, Mr. Nelson has served in a variety of capacities at the Boy Scouts of America Camp Mattatuck, most recently as Camp Director.

Mr. Nelson has a certificate of advanced study in educational administration from the University of Bridgeport, a master's degree in instructional technology from Western Connecticut State University, and a bachelor's degree in technological studies, education option, from Keene State College.

Mr. Nelson's educational and leadership skills at building and district levels, experience leading programs outside of the educational setting, as well as extensive membership on professional development committees, will serve him well in his leadership position with the fine, applied, and technical art departments in Region 15.

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Mr. Nelson will replace Jane Sargeant following her retirement. He will be responsible for overseeing the fine, applied, and technical arts programs for Grades K-12.