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Good Afternoon,

We would like to announce our decision to hire **Wendy Nelson Kauffman** as the Coordinator of Teaching and Learning for Region 14.

Before her teaching career, Wendy was a reporter for ABC News. She began in the Bloomfield Public Schools in 1996 where she served as a Social Studies teacher as well as Department Chair. In 2003, Wendy was named by the State of Connecticut as “**State Teacher of the Year**” where she was honored by then President George H.W Bush.

In 2004 Wendy took a position at the Metropolitan Learning Center, a CREC (Capitol Region Education Council) school also in Bloomfield, where she served as teacher and Instructional Coach. In 2012, Wendy was honored as “**NATIONAL Teacher of the Year for Magnet Schools.**”

http://www.westhartfordnews.com/news/west-hartford-resident-named-national-teacher-of-the-year/article_faf33418-4169-5d70-8af5-7953c3e27022.html

I have personally worked with Wendy in a few different capacities, first as a partner teacher in Bloomfield where we taught about Immigration, Xenophobia and the Constitution that brought millions of immigrants legally to the USA and then as her supervisor in Rwanda, focusing on High Quality Instruction; she is committed to change and expansion in education. CREC allowed Wendy to take time off, with other top notch teachers across the USA and join my education team in Rwanda where she was called on to focus on Teaching, Learning and Curriculum. The results, tallied by the Rwandan government, showed a significant increase in test scores. We both believe in the 4C’s, and Wendy will be keeping many of the curricular practices in an effort to keep the momentum rolling bringing the best curriculum possible to the students of Region 14. Wendy is a team builder and I see us, over the coming many years, benefiting from her vast experience and love of children. I have the ultimate confidence in Wendy Nelson Kauffman.



“Connecticut’s Teacher of the Year.” with President George H.W. and First Lady Laura Bush

INTERVIEW on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2YGOw-8WRc>

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools