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## PRESS RELEASE

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. John Ritchie to the position of Interim Principal of Wayland High School for the 2013 – 2014 School Year. In the fall, we will set up a hiring committee and begin the process of a full search for a permanent appointment. In the coming weeks, we will plan times for parents and the community to meet and welcome Dr. Ritchie.

Dr. Ritchie brings years of experience as a high school principal. His experience includes seven years as principal of Winchester High School and 13 years as the Superintendent/Principal of Lincoln-Sudbury High School. Earlier in his career, he served as a housemaster and an English teacher at Brookline High School. The role of Interim Principal has its unique challenges; in addition to experience, it requires an ability to engage a school community in a very short period of time. During the 2011 – 2012 School Year, Dr. Ritchie served as the Interim Principal of Brookline High School with great success.

Dr. Ritchie earned his Bachelor's Degree from Dartmouth College and his Master's and Doctorate Degrees from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. This past May, he published an article in the educational journal, *Kappan*, entitled, "The Effective and Reflective Principal."

Wayland is fortunate to have such an accomplished educator step in for departing Principal Pat Tutwiler. Dr. Tutwiler was without question an outstanding principal who gave his all to Wayland. Beyond Dr. Ritchie's credentials, what is most impressive about him is his know-how, his love of school communities, his fervent commitment to students, and his wise counsel. He is someone who is genuinely joyful working around students and staff, and he in turn, is a joy to work with. He is uniquely positioned to help Wayland High School through this year of transition while moving the school forward as part of a very skilled administrative team and faculty.