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**FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES THE  
CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS 2024 CONNECTICUT ELEMENTARY  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR,  
NICOLE VIBERT,  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF WEST WOODS UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



The Farmington Board of Education and Kathleen C. Greider, Superintendent of Schools, are proud to announce that Mrs. Nicole Vibert of West Woods Upper Elementary School has been selected as the 2024 Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year. Mrs. Vibert has been the Assistant Principal at West Woods for over six years, and serves on numerous school-based and district-wide committees. She is a student-centered and highly accomplished leader who supports all students in attaining the skills and attributes of Farmington's Vision of the Global Citizen through innovative academic and social-emotional programming.

Mrs. Vibert works closely with students, faculty, staff, and families to create the conditions for students to thrive. She champions family partnerships, student leadership, and deep learning. As a graduate of the Farmington Public Schools, this is a very special honor for Nicole, her family, and the entire Farmington community. She is a leader who promotes high trust, high engagement, and high expectations in all aspects of her role as Assistant Principal.

Superintendent Greider states, *“Nicole puts students first in all aspects of her leadership work each day. As a strong and expert instructional leader, she promotes learning experiences that reflect high levels of student engagement, curiosity, real world impact and joy in learning outlined in our learner-centered instructional model and Vision of the Global Citizen. To that end, she led efforts to create an outdoor classroom at West Woods providing a space to engage in cross-curricular learning experiences that have meaning and value to all learners. In her role as district-wide Family School Liaison, Nicole’s collaborative work with families strengthens family-school partnerships at West Woods and throughout the school district. Her equity-focused leadership, commitment to excellence and deep care for all members of the West Woods school community, have led to impressive academic outcomes and a positive school culture and climate. As a proud life-long Farmington resident and graduate, Nicole loves our schools and community and this recognition is very symbolic of the Farmington community’s spirit of service, excellence and care for others.”*

Board of Education Chair, Liz Fitzsimmons, commented, *“On behalf of the Board of Education, I am so pleased and proud to congratulate Nicole Vibert on this prestigious recognition. Beyond her role as an outstanding Assistant Principal at West Woods Upper Elementary School, Nicole is a part of the fabric of the Farmington community. You will see her at school and community events in the evenings and on the weekends. She is a champion for the Farmington schools and community and it is evident that this deep commitment is foundational to her work with students, families, colleagues and all members of the Farmington school district. This is a very meaningful recognition for both the Farmington Public Schools and Farmington community.”*

West Woods Upper Elementary School Principal Dr. Katherine Blore shared, *“Leading at West Woods with Nicole Vibert these past several years has been an extraordinary honor. Nicole is a thoughtful, collaborative, and student-centered partner and I am so thrilled that the Connecticut Association of Schools saw in Nicole what our team sees everyday here at West Woods. Nicole’s commitment to Farmington Public Schools is unrivaled. She is deeply passionate about continuous improvement work, particularly in collaboratively creating innovative and engaging learning opportunities for students. Her work with the student leadership group, The Wildcat Pack, on the West Woods outdoor classroom project, has been particularly noteworthy. This is just one example of the many ways in which Nicole collaborates with a variety of community partners to create exceptional outcomes with, and for, students. With Nicole at the helm, we definitely know why ‘the West is the best!’”*

On being recognized as the Connecticut Assistant Principal of the Year, Mrs. Vibert said, *“I am incredibly humbled to receive this recognition. It was with immense pride that I was able to showcase the work our school engages in with relation to lifting student voice, and creating welcoming and inclusive environments for all stakeholders. Joining the Farmington Public Schools team six years ago was an incredible opportunity for me as a leader and an educator. I am so fortunate to work among a team of individuals as talented and caring as those in the Farmington Public Schools. As a parent first, and a leader second, I know that there is no district in our state that compares to ours. As a district, we are developing global citizens who*

*see diversity as a strength, and believe in learning that is collaborative, student centered, and joyful. I love this community and I love this school, and I am grateful to all those who entrust me to show up each day and make a difference in the community that did it all for me.”*

**Brief Bio:**

Mrs. Vibert is a graduate of Stonehill College and acquired her Master’s degree at St. Joseph’s University. She also earned a Sixth Year degree from UConn as a candidate in the UCAPP administrator certification program. She began as an educator in Windsor and West Hartford, where she taught middle and high school Social Studies, before moving to Region 15 as an administrator within the Humanities department. Mrs. Vibert joined Farmington Public Schools in 2018 as West Woods Upper Elementary School’s Assistant Principal.