

Jeffrey F. Solan, Ed.D.

Leadership Experience

2016-Current

Superintendent, Cheshire Public Schools

Cheshire, CT

- 2nd Vice President, Connecticut Public Schools Superintendents Association
- Helped lead the first comprehensive school building project in Cheshire in over 50 years.
- Cheshire's grades 3-8 performance ranking has moved from 35th to consistently in Top 10 in Connecticut.
- Featured speaker at Governor's Press Conference (12/1/20) highlighting Cheshire staffing and COVID-19 innovations during the pandemic. The Hechinger Report, District Management Magazine and a live appearance on CNN among other media outlets highlight our recognition of our COVID-19 management.
- Invited member of the Connecticut Superintendents Network.
- District recognitions such as Cheshire's first National Blue Ribbon School in over 25 years (Norton Elementary 2020), our first inclusion in Niche.com Top 500 Districts in America (2019), Top Best Buddies Chapter in CT (2019), Selected as a top athletic program in CT for 6 consecutive years (2014-2019), and Top communities for music for over a decade.
- Collaborated with the Board of Education, students, parents, community, administrators, and teachers to identify Complex Thinking and Social-Emotional Learning as the key goals which drive our work and budget.

2012-2016

Principal, Cheshire High School

Cheshire, CT

- "Coca-Cola Scholars Joseph B. Whitehead Educator of Distinction Award" - May, 2016
- We increased enrollment in AP courses by 28% while maintaining achievement rates
- Engaged all stakeholders in the creation of a comprehensive rubric assessing the Cheshire Performance Standards (21st Century Skills).
- Provided a myriad of teacher in-service professional development from culture building for the school to instructional strategies to support student learning.
- CHS was named to Newsweek's Top 500 High Schools in America for the first time in 2014.
- Worked with Board of Education to adopt Personal Finance as a graduation requirement.
- Revamped the intervention process to provide targeted support for specific student populations (transfer students, mental health needs, identified students, freshmen) based on their unique needs.
- Worked with stakeholders to create a vision statement for the school.
- Worked with BOE and community to secure a myriad of upgrades including a World Language Lab, 1:1 computing, renovated facilities. Also implemented Personal Finance as a graduation requirement.
- Initiated the provision of 8 Mindfulness (training in self-awareness) lessons for all incoming freshmen.
- Served on District-wide Instructional Technology Committee, Data Team, Teacher Evaluation Committee, Foreign Language Elementary Schools Committee, Cheshire Public Schools Strategic Planning Committee
- Elected President of the Cheshire Administrative Personnel annually from 2006 through 2016.

2008-2012

Principal, Dodd Middle School

Cheshire, CT

- Led the revision of the master schedule to include departmental collaboration during the school day for focused instructional improvement. The revised schedule also increased world language instruction and remained budget neutral.
- Connecticut Mastery Testing was improved to record or near record best performance.
- Nominated for Connecticut Association of Schools Most Outstanding First Year Principal.

2005-2008

Assistant Principal, Dodd Middle School

Cheshire, CT

Additional Leadership and Service

- Assistant Coach, Sheehan High School Varsity Ice Hockey (2020-2022)
- Cheshire-Southington YMCA Board of Directors
- Coach, Wallingford Youth Soccer (2012-16) and Greater New Haven Warriors Ice Hockey (2017-20), Wallingford Hawks Ice Hockey (2021)
- President, Ulbrich Boys and Girls Club (Wallingford, CT) (2004-2005)
- Team Captain, State University of New York at Oswego Ice Hockey
- Featured Speaker- Children and Screens National Symposium (2022)
- Featured Speaker- Army AirForce Roundtable of Connecticut (2022)