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# Caitlin Brown Selected as Interim Principal for Newton South High School in the 2026-2027 School Year



**Newton, MA** — Newton Public Schools is proud to announce that Caitlin Brown has been selected as the Interim Principal of Newton South High School for the 2026-2027 school year following the departure of current Newton South Principal, Tamara Stras. Brown brings extensive experience in high school leadership, student support, and organizational management to this role, positioning her as a steady guide for the South community.

Brown currently serves as a Dean of Students at Newton South, where she has collaborated with counselors and case managers to support student academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs. She has developed strong relationships with students and families, implemented fair and transparent disciplinary policies, supervised faculty, and used data-informed strategies to promote student success.

Prior to joining Newton, Brown served as Principal of Andover High School, where she strengthened family partnerships, led professional development, managed large-scale school events, and oversaw curriculum, instruction,

budget planning, and school improvement efforts.

Brown holds a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Licensure in Secondary Education from Bridgewater State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Trinity College. Additionally, Brown holds licensures for Principal/Assistant Principal (9-12), History teacher (8-12) and SEI Administrator Endorsement.

As a current member of the Newton South community, Brown will continue to bring a commitment to maintaining Newton South's high academic standards, a warm and approachable leadership style grounded in relationship-building, and a strong focus on student well-being and belonging.

Across her career, Brown has demonstrated exceptional skills in building inclusive school cultures, supporting diverse learners, leading complex organizations, and fostering strong relationships with students, families, and staff. Her breadth of experience and unwavering commitment to student success positions her to be successful in leading Newton South in 2026-2027.

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