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## **New Rochelle Principal, Parent Honored by STOMP Out Bullying**

### ***National Organization Names Barnes “Principal of the Year”***

**NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (September 24, 2018)** – STOMP Out Bullying, a leading national anti-bullying organization, named Albert Leonard Middle School Principal John Barnes “Principal of the Year” in a ceremony today while also honoring ALMS parent Larry Minetti, who spent his summer evenings painting a mural the school to encourage kindness.

QUOTE said Ross Ellis, founder and chief executive officer of STOMP Out Bullying.

Since WHEN, Barnes has established several anti-bullying projects at the school, naming hallways “Upstander Boulevard” and “Anti-Bullying Way.” Each week, he names a new Upstander – a student who advocates for others.

Minetti’s painting has become a new vibrant addition to that WHT

An art teacher in the Bronx, Minetti has two daughters attending ALMS. He painted the mural because he was moved by the school’s initiatives to end bullying. The mural reminds people who pass it that “One kind work can change someone’s entire day” in vibrantly colored acrylic paint letters on a background of sponge-painted white and sky blue. Silhouettes of two rock climbers bracket the scene.

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“We are incredibly proud of John Barnes and all he does to create a positive, supportive atmosphere in Albert Leonard Middle School,” said Board of Education Member Christopher Daniello, who is ALMS’s School Buddy for the semester. The Board’s School Buddy program

matches up each member with a different school for the quarter to deepen the connection between the Board and schools.

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