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Administrative Announcement

Appointment of Dante Watts as Assistant Principal of Big Picture

The Schenectady City School District is proud to announce the appointment of Dante Watts as an Assistant Principal of Big Picture.

A Troy High School alumnus, Mr. Watts began his career in education right here in Schenectady in 2018 as a paraprofessional at Martin Luther King Jr. School of Excellence. While studying at SUNY Schenectady, he served as a teaching assistant, a pivotal experience where he discovered that education was his true calling.

He went on to earn a degree in English with a minor in Education from the University at Albany, followed by a master's degree in education with a concentration in secondary humanities from Grand Canyon University. His background includes dedicated service at Albany Community Charter School, KIPP Troy Prep, and Hackett Middle School in the Albany City School District. Watts is currently completing his School Building Leader certification at Russell Sage College.



"Each stop shaped me, but coming back to Schenectady feels different. It is a full-circle moment, professionally and personally," shared Watts. "This community gave me opportunities that helped shape the educator and person I am today. The belief that *Everybody Counts, Everybody Learns* resonates deeply with me because I know what it means to have someone believe in your potential. I also know I did not get here alone."

Expressing deep gratitude to his family, mentors, and former colleagues who supported him along the way, Watts brings a wealth of urban education experience back to the district where his journey began.

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Dante Watts as he rejoins the Schenectady team.

EVERYBODY COUNTS. EVERYBODY LEARNS.