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CHRISTOPHER ABBALEO APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Wayne, New Jersey - The Wayne Township Board of Education is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Christopher Abbaleo as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Professional Development.

Dr. Abbaleo joins Wayne Township Public Schools after serving as Assistant Superintendent at the Marion P. Thomas Charter School District. In that role, he provided executive leadership in human resources, curriculum and instruction, professional development, and state and federal grant programs while advancing initiatives focused on improving student achievement and organizational effectiveness.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Abbaleo held several building-level leadership positions in high school and middle school settings, including School Chief Innovation Officer, Vice Principal, and School Operations Manager. Dr. Abbaleo began his career in education as a high school biology teacher and has remained committed to supporting students by developing strong educators, empowering school leaders, and building high-performing school systems.

Dr. Abbaleo earned a Doctor of Education in STEM Education and Innovation from the University of South Carolina, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Concordia University, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Montclair State University. He resides in northern New Jersey with his wife and three children and looks forward to partnering with the Wayne Township community to support the district's continued excellence and student success.

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JENNIFER MONTANA APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT AND INTERVENTION SERVICES

Wayne, New Jersey - The Wayne Township Board of Education is proud to announce the appointment of Mrs. Jennifer Montana as Director of Student Support and Intervention Services.

Having worked in the district for over ten years across various locations and roles, Mrs. Montana has developed a strong understanding of the district's needs and priorities. After nearly a decade as a school counselor at Wayne Valley High School, she transitioned into a supervisory position supporting district counselors and nurses for two years. Most recently, Mrs. Montana served as a school counselor at Schuyler Colfax Middle School, gaining valuable experience at the middle school level. Throughout her career, she has established a deep understanding and commitment to all facets of student support.

Prior to her career in education, Mrs. Montana worked in the clinical emergency setting. Mrs. Montana earned a B.A. in Psychology from Montclair State University, and an M.A. in School Counseling from Seton Hall University. She also holds an M.A. in Educational Leadership and Principal certification from Montclair State University. She is enthusiastic about the opportunity to collaborate once again with district and school leaders to sustain a comprehensive student support program throughout the district.

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NICOLE RODRIGUEZ APPOINTED AS PRINCIPAL OF SCHUYLER-COLFAX MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wayne, New Jersey - The Wayne Township Board of Education is proud to announce the appointment of Mrs. Nicole Rodriguez as Principal of Schuyler-Colfax Middle School.

Mrs. Rodriguez earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Psychology from The College of New Jersey in 2004. She began her career in education at Bloomfield Middle School, where she taught seventh- and eighth-grade mathematics for two years. During that time, she pursued graduate studies at Montclair State University, earning master's degrees in Teaching Middle Grades Mathematics and Educational Leadership.

In 2006, Mrs. Rodriguez joined the Wayne Township Public Schools as an eighth-grade mathematics teacher at George Washington Middle School, where she inspired students for twelve years. She later accepted the unique opportunity to serve as Assistant Principal for Mathematics and Science, providing curriculum and instructional leadership across Wayne's three middle schools. After five years in that district leadership role, Mrs. Rodriguez became Assistant Principal at Schuyler-Colfax Middle School. For the past three years, she worked alongside Principal Heather Weinstein, helping advance the school's mission of building a strong sense of community, fostering students' academic and social growth, and developing thoughtful, responsible decision-makers.

As she begins her twenty-second year in education, Mrs. Rodriguez is honored to serve as Principal of Schuyler-Colfax Middle School. She looks forward to welcoming students, staff, and families in September and building upon the school's longstanding tradition of excellence, its many achievements, and the strong sense of community that makes Schuyler-Colfax so special.

Outside of school, Mrs. Rodriguez enjoys spending time with her husband and their two children, ages 9 and 11. As a family, they enjoy traveling and exploring new places whenever they have the opportunity.

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