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Announcement of Permanent Appointment

Mr. Dennis Green is selected as Principal of Schenectady High School

The Schenectady City School District is pleased to announce that on June 15, 2022, the board of education approved the permanent appointment of Dennis Green as principal of Schenectady High School. Green has been serving as acting principal since October 6, 2021. He was selected as the successful candidate after a search and interviews were conducted to replace executive principal Christopher Chank who will serve as cohort principal of the satellite campuses at Proctors and SUNY Schenectady.



“Mr. Green stood out and above during the interview and selection process,” said Anibal Soler, superintendent of schools. “He knows and relates to our students, the staff and families. He is connected and it’s clear that he has the dedication, experience, skills, and relationships to move our high school forward. Green is an advocate for our students. He is aligned with our vision. He listens and has an unwavering commitment to ensuring the success of Schenectady’s young people.”

Soler emphasized that Green will be instrumental in leading the implementation of the Secondary School Redesign that was shared with the board of education on June 1, 2022. “Our plans moving forward are very exciting and change the landscape of education in our district,” said Soler. “I have confidence that Mr. Green is the leader who will move us forward.”

“I am honored to have been selected for this important role and to lead our school filled with amazing teachers, staff, students, and families,” said Green. “My vision for learning is built upon understanding the impact of trauma and the need to create protective factors in the school system to best support our young people.” Green points to the importance of open dialogue and communication, building systems of engagement and collaboration, connections among adults, rigorous academic programming and culturally responsive curriculum, and the importance of a safe and supportive learning environment.

Green has been working in the Schenectady City School District for 17 years. Before becoming acting principal eight months ago, he served as the assistant director of Washington Irving Educational Center since 2011. In addition to assisting in the daily operations of the adult and continuing education programming, Green led the K-12 alternative program with laser focus on ensuring that traditionally underserved students are provided equitable access and opportunity. He designed alternative education programs including ATLAS and OASIS, using trauma informed practices. He also assisted in the development of the district’s diversion program. His work included repairing relationships and re-engaging families in their children’s education. He successfully utilized problem-solving processes and has vast knowledge of improvement initiatives including continuity of

services, therapeutic interventions, and transition plans, to help students and families. Green also planned, developed, and implemented summer tutoring services for extended school year students.

Green worked as a school counselor from 2005 through 2010. He was the alternative to suspension school counselor at Mont Pleasant Middle School and then a K-12 school counselor at Washington Irving. Prior to working in the district, he was a community care specialist and foster care worker since 1997.

“As someone who has been a part of many teams throughout life, I understand that a leader must recognize the strengths of their team members and utilize everyone’s skills and strengths to be most successful,” said Green. “The last eight months at Schenectady High School have proven to me that while we might experience success as individuals, our students will only win when we come together to work as a team.”

Green has a presence and is known in the Schenectady community. He has presented throughout the community on several topics and is co-founder, president, and media manager of Boys Day Out Youth Enrichment Services. He also received community awards including the Honorary Rising Star Award from the Hispanic Coalition, the Capital District YMCA Black and Latino Achievers Award and the Schenectady County Human Rights Award for his work with Boys Day Out.

Green earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Southern Vermont College, Master’s in Science In Education: Professional School Counseling from the Sage Colleges, and Advanced Certification: Educational Leadership from The College of Saint Rose.

“I am truly grateful for this opportunity,” said Green. “I will work tirelessly to ensure that Schenectady High School becomes a place of pride, brilliance, hope, and equity.”

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