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Press Release

Riverview School Board Appoints Junior Senior High School Principal

In an effort to provide a seamless transition for District students and staff at Riverview's Junior Senior High School, the Riverview Board of Directors appointed Mr. Eric Hewitt as its new Junior Senior High School Principal. Hewitt, who held the school's Assistant Principal role for the past 2.5 years replaces Ms. Tiffany Nix, who will be assuming her new role as Superintendent with the Leechburg Area School District. Hewitt holds a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology from the University of Maryland, earned his Principal Certification at the University of Pittsburgh, and is currently completing certification in Curriculum. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Vincent College.

Dr. Peggy DiNinno, Riverview Superintendent, indicated that "Mr. Hewitt worked closely with Ms. Nix over the past two and a half years to take the high school to the next level using an engaging and distributed leadership approach. Together, this dynamic duo worked with teachers and other staff to develop the new STEAM Room, design a supportive middle school culture, realign the guidance department, support academic rigor, utilize RCEPs and mentoring programs, add additional AP courses, support the use of data analysis for important curricular and student decisions, and assisted with the implementation of much needed upgrades and renovations to the Junior Senior High School. We are fortunate that Mr. Hewitt is willing and able to move into the principal role. Next, we will work with Mr. Hewitt to hire a new Assistant Principal to assist him and support our team's mission of committing to the Serious Success of each of our students".

Mr. Hewitt has hands on experience working with curriculum development projects at Riverview, Burrell, and the Charles County Board of Education. He served as a Social Studies Teacher at Riverview, Burrell, Thomas Stone High school (Maryland) and Eugene Burroughs Middle School (Maryland). He also served as an Assistant Director of Admissions with Educational Management Corporation. Over the past several years, Hewitt has also been instrumental in infusing technology into the K-12 curriculum, examining Cyber School and Blended School opportunities for the District, and overseeing the Alternative Education program. Dr. Peggy DiNinno, Superintendent, shared "Eric is a team player who engages educators and focuses on our students. His technology skills, curriculum background, and understanding of our current students, staff and community make him the perfect new leader of our Junior Senior High School. Riverview takes pride in maintaining strong academic programs, providing a safe and respectful learning environment, providing a personalized education, and availing expanded opportunities to our students. Mr. Hewitt shares this vision and has demonstrated his commitment to our students". Hewitt officially begins in his new role on July 1, 2016.