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Press Release

Riverview School District Appoints New Junior/Senior High School Principal and Assistant Principal

At its regular meeting conducted on April 14th, the Riverview School Board officially approved Ms. Tiffany Nix and Mr. Eric Hewitt as the Principal and Assistant Principal of the Riverview Junior Senior High School. Both have served as interim administrators since January and have been a part of the Riverview School community for the past few years. They will take over in their new roles on July 1, 2014.

Principal Nix's background includes 14 years of experience in public education and counseling. She will hold a Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility this spring. Nix is a certified K-12 Principal and earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Bachelor's Degree from Penn State University. Ms. Nix has served as the Assistant Junior Senior High School Principal since May of 2012 and is very familiar with the Verona and Oakmont communities. A letter of support submitted by the faculty of the Junior/Senior High School earlier this year describes Ms. Nix as someone with a "can-do attitude". The teachers described Ms. Nix as "creative, dedicated, thoughtful, and decisive."

Assistant Principal Hewitt, who has served in a variety of teacher leadership roles, is also familiar to students and staff. Mr. Hewitt has over 15 years of experience as a Social Studies teacher. He holds a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology from the University of Maryland, and certification as a K-12 Principal. Mr. Hewitt is currently earning his Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction certification. He is an undergraduate alumnus of St. Vincent's College. His colleagues indicated that Mr. Hewitt "has been at the center of all initiatives that have involved teachers, most particularly our efforts with our middle school program...We believe Mr. Hewitt has earned this opportunity, and he has certainly earned our trust and respect."

Ms. Nix and Mr. Hewitt have plans to work in collaboration with staff to develop a more defined Junior High model within the Junior/Senior High School. The two administrators plan to work closely with district administration, staff, and students to ensure a safe and nurturing learning environment. They also plan to prioritize improving student achievement through customized and expanded learning opportunities. Ms. Nix's experience in supporting student transition and Mr. Hewitt's understanding of 21st century learning and technology will be valuable in their work toward continuous improvement within the Riverview School District.

Dr. DiNinno, Superintendent of the district, indicated that she has been quite pleased with the team approach taken by both administrators who were able to provide consistency and develop a positive educational culture for our students and the staff throughout their interim assignments. She said she looks forward to further utilizing the leadership talents of both administrators as they work with teachers and the staff to take the District into the 21st century and prepare our kids for their futures.