



Turnaround Principal/Headmaster Appointments

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Louis Agassiz Elementary School

Maria Cordon, Principal

Maria Cordon has served as principal of the Agassiz since 2008. Prior to that, she was Director of Instruction at the Tobin K-8 School, where she led and supported efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students. She began her teaching career at the Winthrop Elementary School in Roxbury before coming to teach first and third grades at the Tobin, where she also served as Assistant Principal and Acting Principal during the principal's maternity leave. She co-chaired the School Site Council, chaired the Parental Involvement Committee, and served as the language acquisition coach and literacy coordinator for the school. A native of Dorchester and product of the Boston Public Schools, Ms. Cordon holds a bachelor's degree from Emmanuel College, a master's degree from Cambridge College, and an administrative degree from Northeastern University.

William Blackstone Elementary School

Stephen Zrike*, Principal

Stephen Zrike currently serves as an Inquiry Coach for several of the district's K-12 school leaders and teams across the district. Prior to that, he served as principal of the Ohrenberger Elementary School from 2007-2009 after serving as principal of the Philbrick Elementary School for several years. As Principal, he has worked to raise math achievement, to develop interventions to support struggling learners and to engage the parent community in the educational process. His teaching career began in the Andover Public Schools as a 5th-grade teacher. Mr. Zrike is enrolled in the Urban Superintendents' Program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and is working on his dissertation. Mr. Zrike's doctoral work focuses on the principal's role in teacher retention. While at Harvard, he served as an intern to Dr. Brian Benzel in the Spokane Public Schools and led the implementation of the district's newly designed elementary extracurricular initiative. Mr. Zrike holds a Bachelor's Degree in history from Dartmouth College and a Master's Degree in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Dever Elementary School and McCormack Middle School

Michael Sabin*, Principal

Michael Sabin is currently the principal of the Arthur D. Healy School in Somerville, MA, a position he has held since 2008. Prior to that, Mr. Sabin spent a year teaching algebra, ancient history, and modern at Colegio Los Nogales, a bilingual private school in Bogota, Colombia. He served as principal of the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown from 2002 – 2007, where he led successful school improvement effort and implemented a new Extended Learning Time Program and a Boston Teacher Residency teacher training program. Mr. Sabin came to the Edwards after more than a decade in various leadership and teaching positions in Cambridge and Lawrence, MA. He holds a master's degree in Education with a concentration in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a bachelor's degree in Social Studies from Harvard College.

Elihu Greenwood Elementary School

Maudlin Wright, Principal

Maud Wright was appointed principal of the E. Greenwood in July 2009. Ms. Wright, an alumna of the Boston Public Schools, has worked as an educator in the district her entire professional career. She began as an art teacher at the John Marshall Elementary School. She also taught at several other elementary schools, as well as the Edwards Middle School. Ms. Wright was lead teacher at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School before becoming an assistant principal for two years. Before her leadership of the E. Greenwood, she has served as principal of the Pauline A. Shaw Elementary School for nine years. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Dartmouth College, master’s degree from Boston University and C.A.G.S. from Bridgewater State.

John P. Holland Elementary School

Jeichael Henderson, Principal

Jeichael Henderson was appointed principal of the Holland Elementary School in July, 2009 after serving as assistant principal at both the Holland and Lee Elementary Schools. He began his career at the Holland in 1997 as a student teacher and accepted a full-time teaching position at the school. Mr. Henderson is a product of the Boston Public Schools and holds a bachelor’s degree as well as two master’s degrees from the University of Massachusetts.

John F. Kennedy Elementary School

Waleska Landing-Rivera*, Principal

Ms. Waleska Landing-Rivera, a native of Puerto Rico, came to Boston in 1990 with a Bachelor’s Degree from the Universidad de Puerto in Accounting. During this transition, she started volunteering and substitute teaching at the Agassiz School in Jamaica Plain and at the Sarah Greenwood School in Dorchester. Ms. Landing was soon recruited by Principal Isabel Mendez for a kindergarten teaching position at the Sarah Greenwood School where she immediately developed/discovered a strong interest in education and where she has remained ever since. Immersed in education and with such a keen interest in this field, Ms. Landing switched careers and received a Master’s Degree in Special Needs Education from Eastern Nazarene College. In addition, she received intensive training in Reading Recovery and other specialized reading programs enabling her to work as a regular education, special needs, resource room, and Reading Recovery teacher. Most recently, she has worked as Literacy Coach, Assistant Principal and Director of Instruction. Along with Principal Mendez, Ms. Landing has been a forward thinking presence at the Sarah Greenwood School.

William M. Trotter Elementary School

Mairead Nolan, Principal

Mairead Nolan of Jamaica Plain has served as principal of the Trotter since 2008. Prior to that, she was the principal of the Joyce Kilmer K-8 School for six years, where she supported teachers in creating high-performing collaborative teams that increased student performance and worked with parents to build a strong welcoming community. Previously, Ms. Nolan served for four years as Director of Instruction for the Rafael Hernandez Two-Way Bilingual School. She taught for seven years in the Washington, D.C. Public Schools and in the Republic of the Marshal Islands. She earned a bachelor's degree from The Catholic University of America and a master's degree from Harvard's Graduate School of Education.

MIDDLE AND K-8 SCHOOLS

Henry Dearborn Middle School

Jose Duarte, Principal

Jose Duarte was appointed principal of the Dearborn Middle School in 2009 after serving as Headmaster of The English High School for many years. Mr. Duarte began his career in BPS

leadership while serving as assistant principal at the Umana-Barnes Middle School and later as principal of the Grover Cleveland Middle School. He went on to serve as a cluster leader, participating on the Superintendent's Leadership Team. Mr. Duarte earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and a master's degree from Eastern Nazarene College.

Harbor Middle School

Robert Martin*, Principal

Dr. Robert Martin has served as principal of the Hugh R. O'Donnell Elementary School since 2003, where he led an improvement effort that resulted in the school achieving among the highest student growth data in the entire state. He began his teaching career at the Dearborn Middle School in 1973 and was appointed principal of the school in 1978. In 1981 he was appointed principal of the John W. McCormack Middle School where he served until 1999. He then moved to the Seven Hills Charter School as Superintendent/Principal where he served for three years before returning to the Boston Public Schools. Dr. Martin completed his undergraduate work at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1973, earned a Master's degree from Antioch University in 1979 and returned to the University of Massachusetts to complete his doctorate in 1996.

Orchard Gardens K-8 School

Andrew Bott*, Principal

Andrew Bott has served as principal of the Rogers Middle School since 2006, where he has increased student achievement through initiatives such as Grade 8 Algebra. Prior to that, he served as principal of the Mather Elementary School for several years. Mr. Bott has been with BPS since 1999, serving as an Administrative Intern at the Rafael Hernandez School and then as Assistant Principal at the Charles Sumner School. Prior to coming to the BPS, he taught bilingual education with the Houston Independent School District. Mr. Bott received his Master's Degree in Education from Harvard and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Rice University.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Jeremiah E. Burke High School, Dorchester

Lindsa McIntyre, Headmaster

Lindsa McIntyre was appointed headmaster of the Burke High School in 2009. She comes to the Burke after having served four years as headmaster of Community Academy, an alternative high school in Boston, where she supervised all staff and collaborated with external partners to build a positive school environment. Previously, Ms. McIntyre was assistant headmaster of Boston Day & Evening Academy, and also worked at the King Middle School and City on a Hill Charter School. Ms. McIntyre began her teaching career in Boston at the Burke High School in 1996 and won a Golden Apple award for excellence in teaching. She holds a bachelor's degree from Lesley College and a master's degree from Boston College.

The English High School, Jamaica Plain

Sito Narcisse, Headmaster

Dr. Sito Narcisse was appointed headmaster of The English High School in 2009. He came to the Boston Public Schools from Pittsburgh University Prep at Millones School, where he was the founding principal. Prior to this position, Mr. Narcisse was an assistant high school principal, a high school French teacher and chair of the French Department. He has also been a guest lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh Department of Administrative and Policy Studies. Dr. Narcisse holds a bachelor's degree from Kennesaw State University, a master's degree from Vanderbilt University, and a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh.

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School leadership at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School will be announced at a later date.