



NEW SCHOOL LEADER APPOINTMENTS

Presentation to Boston School Committee
June 22, 2016

Nathan Hale Elementary School



Romaine Mills-Teque Mrs. Romaine Mills-Teque is the new principal of the Nathan Hale Elementary School in Roxbury. She has been a dedicated professional within the Boston Public Schools for 30 years and has worked as a teacher, mentor, citywide professional development coordinator, new teacher developer, and assistant principal. She has co-lead the effective turnaround of a level 4 state-designated school to a level 1 school within three years. Mrs. Mills-Teque is committed to improving student outcomes and performance and is able to design and implement rigorous standards-based curriculum and instruction that fosters innovation, equity and coherence across the whole school. She is a highly motivated and skilled instructional leader with a proven track record of success. Mrs. Mills-Teque obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College, a Master of Education degree from the University of Massachusetts Boston, and she successfully completed the BPS Principal Leadership Program.

Josiah Quincy K-5



Ms. Cynthia Soo Hoo was born and raised in Boston, where she grew up across the street from the Josiah Quincy Elementary School. Cynthia attended the Josiah Quincy as a student and later began her career there as an educator. She continued through the Boston Public Schools and graduated from the John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science. After high school, Cynthia completed a 5-year dual degree program in Elementary Education at Lesley College.

After serving as a classroom teacher for a decade at the Quincy, she later served in several leadership roles before becoming the interim principal at her alma mater in 2015. Throughout tenure as the interim principal, she managed the day-to-day operations of the Quincy and facilitated the best practices to advance achievement. Ms. Soo Hoo works closely with teachers to improve instruction, specifically for students with disabilities, students participating in the AWC program, English language learners, and leading the implementation and expansion of the K1 program at the Quincy.

Bradley K-5



Ms. Claire Rheume began teaching in Boston Public Schools as a Teach for America Corps Member. She taught both 6th grade and 2nd grade at the Higginson Lewis K-8 in Roxbury, and served as a member of the Instructional Leadership Team. Claire completed a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Teaching from Boston University in 2011. That same year, she transitioned to a new role teaching 4th grade at the Mario Umana Academy in East Boston. During her time at the Mario Umana Academy, Claire worked closely with the leadership team as a Teacher Leader and Principal Intern in order to improve the quality of instruction across the school. Claire obtained a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Educational Administration from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, in May 2015. This year, Claire served as Principal Fellow at the Eliot K-8 Innovation School as a member of the cohort of aspiring principals through the Lynch Leadership Academy at Boston College. Claire is committed to positively influencing the trajectory of students in the city of Boston by investing all stakeholders, including families, to ensure that all children experience joy and feel secure as they engage in meaningful and rigorous learning opportunities.