

GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Announcement

SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTS LEAD PRINCIPAL

(For immediate release: Tuesday, July 6, 2010 – Greenwich, CT) Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sidney A. Freund has announced the appointment of Mr. Ralph F. Mayo as Lead Principal, effective immediately. In addition to managing his or her own building, the Lead Principal is responsible for coaching building and program leaders, particularly those that are new to the position and/or the District. Mr. Mayo is a Greenwich High School graduate, a thirty-year veteran educator with the Greenwich Public Schools, and an experienced secondary schools leader. With three of the four secondary building leaders new to the position and/or to the District, Mr. Mayo is ideally suited as a mentor. The District also has one Elementary Principal that is new to Greenwich and three new Assistant Principals. Dr. Freund said, “As an experienced administrator and building leader who understands the Greenwich community, Ralph has the skills and expertise necessary to mentor new administrators in staff supervision and evaluation, budget preparation and management, school improvement planning, and communications. I look forward to working with him and our Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Ellen Flanagan, as we support these already highly skilled and qualified administrators in transitioning them into their new roles and in building their capacity to lead.”

Bio Brief: Ralph F. Mayo

Mr. Mayo was appointed Principal of Eastern Middle School in 2004 and for the last six years has led one of the highest performing schools in the District. He has been an integral participant on the Greenwich District Data Team (GDDT), assisting in the development and implementation of the District’s Three-Year Strategic Improvement Plan. He was also involved in piloting one of the District’s priority improvement initiatives – the new Teacher Evaluation and Professional Learning (TEPL) plan – at Eastern. As housemaster at Greenwich High School for 11 years (from 1993-2004), he was responsible for all aspects of supervising the students and staff assigned to Clark House. Mr. Mayo is a respected and sought-after colleague in the course of planning for the needs of the educational community. He planned for the addition of 700 students at GHS as a member of the GHS Long Range Planning Steering Committee; the development of a multi-million dollar expansion and renovation of the high school as a member of the GHS Building Committee; and chaired the Fifth House Committee to plan for the assignment of staff, students and resources for the new Cantor House. Always sensitive to the needs of students, Mr. Mayo is responsible for the development and supervision of the original Student Assistance Team Model at GHS as well as the Senior Options

Program (Senior Project, Internships and/or College NOW). He has a comprehensive knowledge of secondary education, with 30 years experience as teacher and administrator, Mr. Mayo has also chaired the GHS Graduation Review Committee through the development of the current graduation requirements and student competencies. He has proven to be a trusted colleague and advisor as a mentor and former Co-President of the Greenwich Association of School Administrators (GOSA).

Mr. Mayo received a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education and English from Southern Connecticut State University, and a Master of Arts degree in Special Education, his Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from Fairfield University, and participated in the Executive Leadership Program at the Neag School of Education, University of Connecticut.