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Western Middle School Assistant Principal Accepts Norwalk Position

GREENWICH, Ct - Wednesday, April 9, 2014 – Western Middle School (WMS) Assistant Principal Albert Sackey has accepted a position as Principal of Nathan Hale Middle School in the Norwalk, CT Public Schools, effective July 1, 2014. Recently named as the 2014 CT Middle School Principal of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS), Mr. Sackey has been with the Greenwich Public Schools at WMS since 2008. He has been an integral part of shaping the Special Education department at Western, providing a level of collaboration and professionalism, which has assured that the needs of all students are being met. Mr. Sackey chairs the Safe School Climate Committee and in this capacity, has helped to promote an environment of respect for staff and students throughout the school. In addition, Mr. Sackey has taken on the role of advisor to a group of student leaders that developed and delivered presentations on the topic of bullying prevention at statewide leadership conferences.

Mr. Sackey said, “I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked in a district such as Greenwich. The past six years have been an incredible learning experience for me. I was fortunate to work at Western Middle School with inspirational teachers, amazing children, and supportive parents. I have learned from some of the best administrators in the country. My time here has been one I will always remember and I am confident that Western Middle School is in incredible hands with the leadership of Gordon Beinstein and Tom Healy. Thank you and best wishes.”

WMS Principal Gordon Beinstein said, “I am very happy for Al. He is more than ready to lead his own building. That being said, he will be sorely missed at Western. Ever the professional, Al has helped to create a culture of respect for students, staff and parents at Western in his six years here. While I have only had the pleasure of working with Al this past year, I quickly gained the utmost respect for his work, and I value our friendship. Since he will only be a few miles down I95, I am hopeful that this relationship can continue. Norwalk has made a wise choice.”

Bio Brief: Albert N. Sackey

Mr. Sackey began teaching in 2000 in Special Education at the Donald Hertz School (P.S. 83) in the Bronx, NY. In 2005, he became a regional Instructional Support Specialist for the New York City Department of Education (Region One), working with teachers, assistant principals and principals on implementing best practices designed to improve instruction. He also supervised instruction of special education for twelve schools in the region. In 2007, Mr. Sackey became the Assistant Principal/Director for the Center for Applied Science and Technology at the James M. Kieran School (P.S. 123) in Bronx, NY, responsible for supervising the instruction of science, math and special education. He also worked with the school’s Data Inquiry and Child Study Teams to monitor student performance and use data to address students’ individual needs. In 2008, he was appointed as Assistant Principal for Western Middle School in Greenwich, CT, and as such, received the 2014 CT Middle School Principal of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS).

Mr. Sackey received a Bachelor of Science degree in Justice and Policy Studies from Guilford College in Greensboro, NC in 1998; a Master of Science degree in Special Education from Manhattan College in Riverdale, NY in 2003; and a Master of Science degree in School Administration and Supervision from Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY in 2004.

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