

**CONCORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Superintendent's Report
Joint School Committee
April 26, 2016**

New CCHS Principal

On April 1 Mike Mastrullo, current principal of Groton-Dunstable High School, was hired for CCHS in July 2016. Mike will replace Principal Peter Badalament who is leaving to pursue educational consulting after a long career in school administration. Mike began his teaching career as a high school history teacher after his unique experiences in minor league baseball, private sector finance, and small business ownership. Mike earned his BA from Boston College and his Masters in Education Administration from the University of Massachusetts in Lowell. He served as the assistant principal in Tyngsboro for three years before he was hired as the Groton-Dunstable principal in 2011. For the past five years, Mike has been highly effective in building a school culture of respect, collaboration, and consensus according to the students, teachers, and parent community in Groton-Dunstable. He is a beloved principal, and the Groton-Dunstable community is very sad that he is leaving. Mike was unanimously recommended by the selection committee, and the feedback from the reference checks, site visit, and public forum all confirmed that his excellent communication, collaboration, and consensus building skills are a great match for CCHS. A public reception will be arranged in June to introduce Mike to the community.

Technology Department Staffing for 2016-17

Peter Kelly, Director of Technology, and the District Administrative team are recommending a reorganization in the Information Technology department to better serve teachers and students in using digital tools to increase student learning. The former Assistant Director of Instructional Technology position has been reinvented as the Digital Literacy Administrator (DLA) to serve as a leader and promoter for the innovative and effective use of education technologies. The DLA will provide forward-looking guidance for the use and integration of digital tools that support classroom teaching, strengthen student learning, and increase student engagement. Both Peter Kelly, IT Director, and Kristen Herbert, Director of Teaching and Learning will supervise the work of the DLA. Currently, this position is unfilled and will be posted as an internal vacancy for 2016-17.

CCHS Student Internship Program

CCHS has partnered with the Entrepreneur Leadership Academy at Babson College to pilot a Capstone Internship Program for 25 seniors in their last quarter. This pilot internship program is a capstone course designed for students "to apply and reinforce knowledge and skills gained from work experience." According to Executive Director, Peter Bagley, this program is a unique career exploration that integrates study with planned and supervised career-related work experience. CCHS students will be involved as non-paid "authentic employees" receiving academic credit for work experiences.