

News Release

Dobbs Ferry School District Hires New Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. June 5, 2015—The Dobbs Ferry Board of Education officially appointed Andrew Klaich as the School District's new Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics at its June 4th meeting. This is an administrative position that includes not only athletic department and interscholastic sports responsibilities, but also encompasses curriculum development and teacher evaluations. Mr. Klaich replaces retiring long-time physical education teacher and "AD" Jim Lindsay, who has been with the District for 26 years and is a graduate of Dobbs Ferry High School.

Mr. Klaich has 11 years of teaching and leadership experience as an Assistant Principal, Physical Education specialist and coach. The District received more than 70 applications for the position. Superintendent Dr. Lisa Brady and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Douglas Berry initially screened the applicants and narrowed the field to six candidates. The candidates were then interviewed by a committee of 14 comprised of teachers, coaches, parents, students and administrators. Three candidates returned for final interviews prior to two finalists meeting with the Board of Education. Mr. Klaich assumes his new position beginning July 1st.

Presently, Mr. Klaich is the Assistant Principal at West Seneca Middle School in West Seneca, New York, which serves 947 students grades 6-8. From 2007-2013, he was a Physical Education Teacher and School Leader in the West Seneca Central School District at Potters Road Elementary School. Previously he was a Physical Education Teacher at Fountain Green Elementary (Harford County Public Schools) in Bel Air, Maryland. He began in the Harford County Public School system in 2004 working as an Adaptive Physical Education Specialist in the John Archer School, which serves students from birth to age 21. In this position, he created and implemented an Aquatics Unit for students with profound disabilities and taught demonstration inclusion lessons for other PE teachers. Mr. Klaich coached Harford County's first-ever Special Olympics basketball team.

"Andrew will bring a new dimension to our administrative team," said Mr. Berry. "We wanted to find someone who could not only interface with coaches and oversee our robust Section 1 sports program, but who could also be involved in developing curriculum K-12 and work with teachers in the health and physical education departments. Additionally, he will be supervising the school nurses, conducting classroom observations and evaluating teacher performance. I have no doubt that in this new role Andrew's experience and background will support the work of the District and help us continue to move forward."

Mr. Klaich is a graduate of SUNY Brockport where he received his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, as well as a Master of Education in Adapted Physical Education. He also holds an Educational Leadership Post-Master's Certification from Canisius College. "I am extremely passionate about physical education, health and athletics and I'm looking forward to continuing the tradition of excellence within the Dobbs Ferry School District and community," said Mr. Klaich.

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