

News Release

Dobbs Ferry School Board Appoints New Springhurst Elementary School Assistant Principal

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. June 15, 2018—The Dobbs Ferry Board of Education (BOE) appointed Raymond Cavallo as the new Assistant Principal of Springhurst Elementary School at the Board's June 12th meeting. Mr. Cavallo comes to the Dobbs Ferry School District from the Yorktown Central School District in Yorktown Heights, NY, where he has been an elementary school teacher for the last 24 years. He has taught in all three of Yorktown's elementary schools, most recently in the Mohansic School. He succeeds retiring Springhurst Assistant Principal Lisa Giannico Doty who has been with the Dobbs Ferry School District for 14 years.

During his tenure in Yorktown, Mr. Cavallo taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. For the past three years, he chaired the school's "One School, One Book" reading program, an annual program that brings the school community together to read the same text over a four-week period. He is a big proponent of social emotional learning for students and played an integral role on the School District's Character Education Committee.

He received his Master's Degree in Education from the Bank Street College of Education and participated in the Future School Leaders Academy becoming certified in Administration and Supervision in May 2017. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Education from Pace University in White Plains. Mr. Cavallo received his Bachelor of Arts in Communications from SUNY Plattsburgh.

For the past 25 summers, Mr. Cavallo has been the Camp Director for the Irvington Recreation Department in the Rivertowns. In this role, he created teen travel/adventure camps for middle school and high school age students, hired and supervised counselors and support staff and was responsible for overseeing campers and the program's budget.

"Mr. Cavallo impressed the interview committee and administrators with his successful track record of working with children and families in a variety of capacities," said Springhurst Principal Julia Drake. "We are thrilled to welcome Ray to the Springhurst family."

According to Mr. Cavallo, he was attracted to Dobbs Ferry because he had always heard great things about Springhurst and knows many wonderful people that live in the village. "Dobbs Ferry is a special place because of its high achieving schools, dedicated community support and commitment to educational excellence," Mr. Cavallo said. "I am looking forward to this next chapter as an administrator and am excited to get to know Springhurst students, faculty, staff and parents."

Dobbs Ferry Superintendent Lisa Brady said, "We are excited that Ray Cavallo will be joining the Dobbs Ferry School District family. He successfully navigated a rigorous interview process, and we appreciate the work of the many people who were involved. Ray brings a wealth of elementary school experiences to the Assistant Principal position and we look forward to introducing him to our school community."

Mr. Cavallo lives in Hopewell Junction. His wife is also a teacher and they have a son and twin daughters in elementary school. On the weekends, Mr. Cavallo, a sports enthusiast, can be found coaching his children in football, baseball, softball or basketball.

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