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Michael Gillespie Appointed Principal of Greenwood Lake Middle School

Superintendent of Schools Sarah Hadden and the Greenwood Lake Board of Education are pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr. Michael Gillespie** as the next principal of Greenwood Lake Middle School, a position to which he is returning, after having previously served as the MS principal from 2007-2010.

Following a comprehensive search and interview process that included teachers, parents, Board of Education members, fellow administrators, and staff members, Mr. Gillespie was selected based upon his enthusiasm, student-centered decision making, collaborative leadership philosophy, and demonstrated administrative success.



In his career, Mr. Gillespie has worked as a physical education teacher, dean of students, and human resources administrator in Minisink, a dean in Carmel Schools, a middle school principal here in Greenwood Lake, and a Physical Education, Health, and Athletics Director in Pine Bush. He is a graduate of SUNY New Paltz's Educational Leadership program. In addition, he has a Bachelors and a Masters in Physical Education, both from SUNY Cortland.

Superintendent Hadden was impressed with Mr. Gillespie throughout the interviewing and hiring process. "His enthusiasm for education, students, and the community came across every time we spoke. His prior knowledge of Greenwood Lake will help make the transition smoother for staff and students and his collaborative leadership style will be a perfect match for both faculty and staff. His interactions with students, as well as parents, will be heartfelt and genuine as he works to ensure that every student reaches their potential, a commitment he reiterated multiple times."

When asked about his appointment to the position, Mr. Gillespie stated, "I am very excited to have the ability to serve as the next Principal of Greenwood Lake Middle School. I am also very grateful to have this special opportunity to return to the district that I had once served and had so many great memories from in the past. Greenwood Lake has always been a special place to me and I am eager to begin the process of making new connections with our students, staff and community as we begin to work together to educate and support the best interests of our students. I can't wait to get started!"

During the month of December, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Lina Polchinski will fill in as interim building principal, allowing for a seamless transition before Mr. Gillespie begins work on January 2nd. Congratulations to Mr. Gillespie and WELCOME BACK to the Greenwood Lake community!