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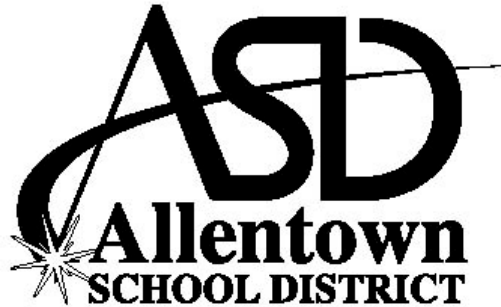
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#### **ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPALS**

(Allentown, PA, August 21, 2002) – With the beginning of the 2002-2003 school district beginning September 3, Allentown School District has announced the appointments of three elementary school principals, four middle school assistant principals, and the addition of a support member to Instructional Support Services. “Each of these qualified educators has been selected for the leadership skills they will contribute in helping parents and teachers in the education of our students,” stated Dr. Karen Angello, superintendent of ASD. “We continue to seek high standards for ASD students to attain the highest quality education possible.”

-**Donna M. Cortez**, appointed new principal at **Roosevelt Elementary School**, brings eight years of teaching and instructional support experience to Allentown. Most recently, she served as an instructional support teacher in the Stroudsburg Area School District. She holds degrees in elementary education and administration from Cedar Crest College and Penn State University. Ms. Cortez received her master’s degree in reading and a reading specialist certification from East Stroudsburg University. Prior to her position in Stroudsburg, Ms. Cortez held teaching positions in Pleasant Valley School District and at the Good Shepherd Home, Allentown.

-**Christopher W. Baldrige**, promoted to principal of **Sheridan Elementary School**, has held teaching and administrative positions at several ASD schools. He brings experience as an

administrative intern and assistant principal, and was staff development coordinator at Central Elementary School. He is a graduate of Elizabethtown College with a degree in marketing, and received his M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from the Pennsylvania State University. He has been an active participant in numerous ASD initiatives, including strategic planning and differentiated instruction.

-**David P. Hahn** has been promoted to principal of **Union Terrace Elementary School** after a number of years of teaching in the Allentown School District. He holds a B.S. in special education and elementary education, and an M.Ed. in elementary education from Kutztown University. He served as special education teacher at Ritter, Sheridan, and Dodd Elementary Schools, and was the technology lead teacher at Sheridan Elementary School. Most recently, he was administrative intern and principal's aide at Dodd Elementary, and served as dean of students at Cleveland Elementary. In summer 2002, he coordinated ASD's elementary summer camp program, which aimed to improve learning skills for over 400 children.

-**James C. Dotterer**, a graduate of the University of Richmond with a degree in history, assumes the role of assistant principal at **Raub Middle School** after twenty years of social studies teaching at Raub and William Allen High School. He served as dean of students at Raub for two years, and most recently was the administrative intern for the middle school. He received a master's degree equivalency through studies at Wilkes College, DeSales University and Lehigh University.

-**Sherell M. Dickens** also joins **Raub Middle School** as assistant principal. She comes to ASD from the Philadelphia area, where she taught in Upper Darby School District. She graduated with a liberal studies degree from West Chester State University, holds an M.S. in science of instruction from Drexel University, and an M.S. in administration and supervision from Gwynedd-Mercy College.

-**Ralph S. Lovelidge** – new assistant principal at **South Mountain Middle School** – comes to the Allentown School District from Nevada, where he was a guidance and career counselor for Clark County School District. He received a B.S. in public administration from Shippensburg University, and a M.Ed. in school counseling from Temple University. He is a member of the American Counseling Association.

**-Patrick M. Tannous**, newly appointed assistant principal at Harrison-Morton Middle School, has been a teacher in Allentown School District for over a decade. He served as an intermediate level teacher at Jefferson Elementary, and held teaching positions at Trexler Middle School. Most recently, he was an administrative intern at Trexler. He holds a B.S. in elementary education from Bloomsburg University, and a M.Ed. in secondary curriculum and instruction from Kutztown University.

**-Jane Schreiber** joins ASD's Instructional Support Services as Assistant to the Director. Most recently, she was an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) teacher and administrator in the Philadelphia School District. She holds a B.A. in Spanish from LaSalle University, and an M.S. Ed. in educational linguistics/TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) from the University of Pennsylvania. She is an experienced grant writer, and has presented on numerous panels on multiculturalism in education. She is also an adjunct instructor at LaSalle University.

As the fourth largest district in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Allentown School District educates approximately 16,500 students, and employs over 2,000 administrators, professionals, staff members and employees. The District, founded in 1866, is implementing an Empowerment Plan to remove it from the Commonwealth's distressed list. This plan generated collaboratively by the District and business and community partners is focused on advancing student achievement. With over 60 percent of ASD households qualifying as low income versus the state average of 26.8 percent, the District is implementing education reform initiatives to ensure quality education programs, as well as community and student services to ensure the success of those programs in positively impacting students.

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