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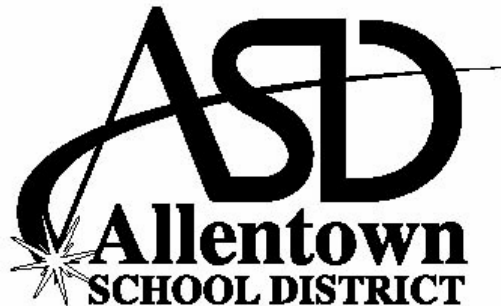
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**ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES  
ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2005-2006**

(Allentown, PA, September 8, 2005) – With the 2005-2006 school district beginning September 6-7, Allentown School District has announced the appointments of two interim elementary school principals, four high school assistant principals, three middle school assistant principals and the addition of a director of Community & Student Services. “As ASD grows, so does the staff required to manage the student population,” stated Dr. Karen Angello, ASD Superintendent. “We have a great need to advance student achievement. These professionals are needed to engage our students, their parents and guardians, and the community, in order to forge partnerships with our teachers and support staff. When we focus the energies and talents of our students, it is then they find the desire and opportunities to succeed.” Five of the ten appointments are promotions within the District. These appointments were approved by the ASD board of directors at its July 28, 2005 board meeting.

**Director of Community & Student Services Appointed**

At its July 28, 2005 regular meeting, the ASD Board of Directors appointed Susan Lozada as director of Community & Student Services effective August 1, 2005. Reporting to Executive Director of C&SS Ralph Daubert, Lozada brings significant experience to the post, having served as assistant principal of Allentown School for Communities in Schools for the past three years.

Lozada will provide added oversight and leadership to the C&SS program, expanding the department's capacity to serve the growing multi-lingual, immigrant populations enrolling in Allentown School District. Prior to joining ASD, Lozada was a Spanish teacher in Parkland School District and before that, had been a Spanish and Russian language teacher in Baltimore City Public Schools. "Mrs. Lozada brings broad skills and background to this department and will help in expanding the services related to alternative education and dropout prevention. We look forward to the leadership she will provide to ASD as we strengthen our commitment to serving our multi-cultural community," noted Dr. Angello. Lozada is an honor graduate of the US Army Intelligence School, TX and holds a BA degree in Russian from the Pennsylvania State University, an MA degree in secondary education from Lehigh University and a certificate in Educational Leadership, which she obtained from Lehigh in 2001. Lozada has become widely known in the state for her commitment to alternative education and has been a presenter at Pennsylvania's Alternative Education Annual Conference in 2004 and 2005. She was a Russian linguist in the US Army.

#### **Two Interim Elementary School Principals Named**

With the recent departures of Principals Kristen Lewis and Donna Cortez at Jefferson and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, respectively, two venerable retired principals will be overseeing the administration of the schools until new principals are appointed. Carl P. Weber, Ed.D., will be located at Jefferson Elementary School and Robert Bennett, retired ASD principal, has agreed to return to serve at Roosevelt for the interim. "We are very grateful to these experienced individuals, willing to bring their knowledge and interest for the benefit of our students," says Angello.

#### **Four New High School Assistant Principals Appointed**

William Allen and Louis E. Dieruff High Schools will have four new assistant principals for the 2005-2006 school year.

**Susan Bocian**, who served as an English teacher and department chair at Dieruff High School for several years, was promoted to assistant principal by the ASD Board of Directors. Susan has been a long-term employee of Allentown, teaching at Harrison-Morton Middle School and Dieruff High School, and most recently was named a 2005 Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Allentown Education Association. Susan completed the principal certification program at Penn State Great Valley. She holds a M.Ed. degree from Lehigh University in Reading and a B.S. degree from Penn State University.

**Christine Piripavel** has been appointed assistant principal of William Allen High School. She holds an M.Ed. degree from Lehigh University in special education and will be receiving her second masters from Lehigh in educational leadership in September 2005. Piripavel is a graduate of William Allen High. For the past six years, she served as program coordinator for Centennial School at Lehigh University, one of 33 approved private schools in the Commonwealth. Centennial serves students ages 6-21 with emotional disturbance and autism from approximately 40 surrounding school districts.

**James Moniz** has served Allentown School District as an assistant principal at South Mountain Middle School since August 2004. His appointment to assistant principal of Dieruff High School is a natural progression, and he will be seeing many students who will feed into the high school in the near future. James brings to the position experience as a teacher representative on the ASD Empowerment team in 2001 and he has served as a ski club advisor and tennis coach for the district. He holds an M.Ed. degree and principal certification from East Stroudsburg University in 2004 and a B.S. degree and social studies certification from Millersville University in 1994.

**Jacqueline Sham** has been named Assistant Principal at Dieruff High School. She holds an M.Ed. degree from East Stroudsburg University and completed the principal certification program at Penn State Lehigh Valley. Most recently Jacqueline served as Coordinator of Professional Development at the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21. She previously served in several diverse roles including: Director of the Penn State Lehigh Valley Writing Project, primary teacher in Northern Lehigh School District, and Director of Athletics at Cedar Crest College. Jacqueline brings a rich background in Adolescent and Content Literacy and has been recognized for her exceptional skills in providing professional development in improvement of instruction.

### **Three Middle School Assistant Principals Selected**

Harrison-Morton Middle School, originally built in 1874, has almost 900 students attending classes this year and is located at 137 North Second Street, Allentown. Raub Middle School, originally erected in 1923, has a projected enrollment of 1,026 students this fall and is located at 102 South St. Cloud Street. South Mountain Middle School, built in 1951, has an enrollment of over 1,300 students and is located at 709 West Emmaus Avenue, Allentown. These three of ASD's four middle schools have new assistant principals for the 2005-2006 school year.

**Lora L. Kuhns** has been named assistant principal of Harrison Morton Middle School. Lora joined Allentown School District in 1996 as a substitute teacher. From 1998-2003, she served as a

math/science teacher for sixth and seventh graders at South Mountain Middle School. In fall 2003, she became an administrative intern, performing administrative and supervisory duties at both Union Terrace and Muhlenberg Elementary Schools. She holds a BS degree in elementary education from Kutztown University; an MS degree in elementary education from Lehigh University and completed an MS degree in educational leadership and her K-12 principal certification from Wilkes University in 2004.

**Karl A Foerster** is the new Assistant Principal of Francis D. Raub Middle School. He holds an M.Ed. degree from the American International College and a BS degree from Springfield College, Springfield, MA. Karl completed the principal certification program at Penn State Lehigh Valley. He has been in education for all of his career, having been a history, reading and English teacher in the Kutztown Area School District for several years and head women's basketball coach at Muhlenberg College prior to that. Karl brings a breadth of instructional expertise to the position.

**David W. Laboski** is the new Assistant Principal of South Mountain Middle School. David graduated from Shippensburg University with an MS degree in Criminal Justice and also from Gwynedd-Mercy College with an MS degree in Educational Administration. Most recently David served as a social studies teacher at Pennridge High School in Perkasie, PA. He completed administrative internships in Perkasie and Quakertown. He also has six years of experience as a probation officer for the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County and also served as youth diversion caseworker. His diverse background is an excellent match to serving middle school-aged students.

Serving approximately 17,600 students in 22 early childhood, elementary, middle and high schools located throughout the City of Allentown, PA, Allentown School District is the fourth largest school district out of 501 Commonwealth districts. About 73 percent of the students are members of minority groups and 69 percent qualified for free or reduced lunch in 2004-2005. 16.9 percent of students today have limited English proficiency (LEP) and are enrolled in ESOL programs. One in four students changes school locations throughout the year. The District continues to implement a standardized, district-wide instructional calendar with consistent teaching practices from school to school to assist students who move within and without the District on a frequent basis.

Allentown School District employs approximately 1,218 teachers and 2,000 employees overall. [www.allentownsd.org](http://www.allentownsd.org) 484-765-4000.

