PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING AACMS CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that, effective with school year 2023-2024, Mrs. Elaine Hersh will transition from Principal to the newly created position of Chief Academic Officer (CAO).

Mrs. Hersh is well-known to the school community having notably served as the AACMS Principal since 2014.

Elaine is committed to excellence in all aspects of her students’ lives.  Her new role as CAO will allow for her continued commitment to excellence with both the academic curriculum as well as the arts curriculum.  Elaine is committed to the development of our students’ social and emotional health and will continue her focused efforts to inspire each student to be their authentic self. Mrs. Hersh’s experience as a teacher and principal enables her to effectively serve the AACMS families, and the amazing AACMS students, teachers, and staff in a new and unique way to showcase the special place that is AACMS.

Elaine earned a B.S. from Kutztown University in Elementary Education with a minor in reading, a Master’s degree from East Stroudsburg University in Reading, her certification in English as a Second Language at DeSales University,  and her Principal K-12 Certification through I.U. 21.

Mr. William Cecchini will become Principal of the Arts Academy Charter Middle School for the school year 2023-2024, effective July 1, 2023.

Bill is committed to ensuring that all students learn to their maximum potential and to fostering innovation through collaboration with teachers, staff, students, and families.

He received a B.S. degree in Biology from Moravian College and a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from East Stroudsburg University. Prior to AACMS, Bill spent 30 years as an educator in the Bethlehem Area School District as a teacher and assistant principal at the middle and high school levels. Most recently, he has served as the Dean of Students at AACMS.

Bill and his wife Jane enjoy spending time with their three dogs, hiking, and kayaking.  He is an avid Philadelphia sports fan.  Bill has two daughters, Emily (27) a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and Sarah (24) a graduate of Temple University.

His unique energy, enthusiasm, and experience will be a major asset to all of the AACMS community.

Please join AACMS in congratulating Mrs. Hersh and Mr. Cecchini as they begin their new roles at Arts Academy Charter Middle School.

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Mr. Jesse Garin will be the new Dean of Students at the Arts Academy Charter Middle School.

Jesse is a graduate of Liberty High School and Northampton Community College. Has been working with local youth in the community for over 10 years.

He is an Educator of Music and Martial Arts (Jiu-Jitsu Brown Belt and Kick Boxer) for over 10 years. He is an accomplished Musician: Guitar, Bass, and Drums; Professional and Artistic Photographer, and Actor.

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