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Two Principal Appointments Finalized May 2, 2023

Superintendent of Schools, Brian Reagan, is pleased to announce the permanent appointment of two principals. Darrell Braggs has been appointed the permanent principal of Waltham High School and Scott Lipman has been appointed the permanent principal of McDevitt Middle School.

Braggs Appointed next Waltham High School Principal

After serving as interim principal since August 2022, Mr. Darrell Braggs has been appointed to the role in a permanent capacity effective July 1, 2023. Braggs has signed a 3-year contract, which keeps him in the role through at least June 30, 2026. According to Superintendent Brian Reagan, "When Braggs stepped in as interim, he did so with enthusiasm. Thanks to his hard work and commitment to the school, we had a strong start to the year that created momentum that continues today." Before making a final decision, Reagan held a voluntary faculty forum which was attended by close to 50 high school staff members. Reagan indicated that the feedback gathered from this forum was "overwhelmingly positive" with people describing Braggs as "present and visible, a strong communicator, a listener, and an instructional leader" among other things. In addition to the faculty forum, Reagan sent a survey to staff, families, and students asking for feedback on Braggs' leadership. Survey data showed an overwhelming level of support for him across all groups.

Braggs is excited about this opportunity and as a Waltham resident and parent of a future WPS student, he is committed to stay in Waltham with the goal of leading the move to the new high school and seeing that building become the vibrant educational and community center that it was designed to be.

Lipman Appointed next McDevitt Middle School Principal

Scott Lipman, who has served the McDevitt Middle School as interim principal since August of 2022 has been appointed to the role in a permanent capacity by Superintendent Brian Reagan. This new appointment is effective July 1, 2023. Lipman has signed a 3-year contract, which secures him in this critical role through at least June 30, 2026.

According to Reagan, since his appointment as interim principal, Lipman has proven himself to be an incredibly strong student-centered principal. Reagan describes Lipman as an "instructional leader with the skills necessary to provide support and guidance to educators as they seek to enhance and improve their practice." Lipman has consistently demonstrated his ongoing commitment to the success of the staff, students, and families of McDevitt Middle School. Reagan held a faculty forum and sent a survey to staff and families to gather feedback on Lipman's leadership. Reading identified common themes from the feedback that included

Lipman's ability to bring the McDevitt community together, his ability to be firm yet flexible when necessary, his commitment to developing and strengthening relationships, and his strong communication skills. Reagan said people consistently described Lipman as "personable, professional, welcoming, accessible, and respectful" These are attributes that Reagan has seen in Lipman himself over the past several months and he feels that his appointment is an important next step for McDevitt.