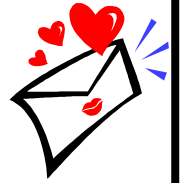




MSSAA ALERT



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Be sure to check our Website for
registration information on upcoming
workshops and conferences

www.mssaa.org

RETHINKING AND RECONNECTING WITH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

~ A flier is enclosed for this **March 29, 2001** conference with Trainer Roberta Kelly, Teachers21 Consultant - (6-10 PDP's). *Register early; this workshop is limited to 40 participants and is filling up quickly. Please feel free to call Virginia Anderson with questions concerning this professional development opportunity.*



FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MASS PEER HELPERS' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Massachusetts Peer Helpers' Association is again presenting their conference on **Tuesday, April 3** at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center in Marlborough.

MPHA was established in 1988, and this will be their Fourteenth Annual Conference. Each year, the conference helps to promote and improve peer helping programs in our schools and communities, provides existing programs with networking opportunities for mutual assistance and support, and encourages adherence to statewide peer helping standards and ethics. Each year peer helping becomes a more vital presence in our schools and communities.

Enclosed is a conference registration form with fee. Please note that there is no limit to the number you may bring. *Please make sure that you register by March 1, 2001.*

MSSAA SPRING CONFERENCE

The MSSAA Spring Conference will be held at the MSSAA building on **Friday, April 27, 2001**. A program is *attached* to this issue of the Alert. This will be the first such conference held at our facility, and will include, as usual, the Spring Business Meeting, presentation of the MSSAA Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year Awards and the RISO President's Award. As is evident from the program, a diverse agenda of topical presentations and an opportunity for structured collegial discussions will be featured.



LEGAL ASPECTS OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT & LABOR RELATIONS CONFERENCE

~ For the first time, Attorney Robert Fraser is offering MSSAA members a workshop dealing with human resource issues on **Friday, March 16**. Register early with the *enclosed* flyer.

LEGAL ASPECTS OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE WORKSHOP

~ Attorney Robert Fraser will present his popular workshop on **Friday, March 30**. A registration form is *enclosed*.

COMMITTEE INTEREST SURVEY

~ *Enclosed* please find a Committee Interest Survey which must be **returned by March 16, 2001**. If you are presently serving on a committee and would like to remain on that committee, please mark that section with a number and an asterisk.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

~ This conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Milford on **Thursday, March 22**. Bill Bond from NASSP will be the keynote speaker. Important issues facing assistant principals will be available in concurrent sessions. See *enclosed* flyer for details and registration.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON ~ Please review the *enclosed* letter from Massachusetts Academic Decathlon State Coordinator Henry Lukas regarding the need for judges for the upcoming contest. If you would like to volunteer, please complete and return the Judges' Sign Up form (*enclosed*) directly to Henry's attention at Canton High School.

CHEERLEADING

Reminder that all leagues **MUST** have tournaments in order to qualify teams for the Regionals. We do not recognize All Star Teams and would hope that schools would not give publicity or notice to those that go to unauthorized tournaments.



MCAS RESOLUTION ~ The MSSAA Executive Board will consider a resolution on the use of the MCAS test as a graduation requirement at its next meeting, February 6, 2001. The draft resolution was prepared by a select committee at a meeting held on January 11, 2001.

CONGRATULATIONS to ****Sean Gilrein** who was recently chosen to become Superintendent of Shepherd Hill School District. He will be replacing Al Thibaudeau, a long time member of the MSSAA.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR BRICK?



Spring is just around the corner and we hope to start building the patio outside the MSSAA/MIAA building. It would be a great gift for those retiring this year. How about that Superbowl Team this year?

The following schools are seeking NEW PRINCIPALS:

HIGH SCHOOL

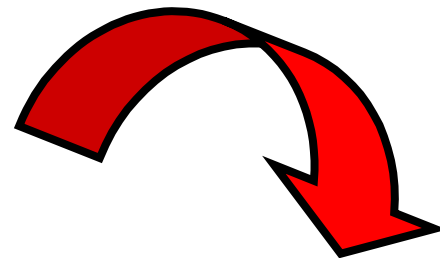
Arlington
Ashland
Braintree
Concord
Fairhaven
Hanover
No. Attleboro
Northbridge (*closed*)
Shepherd Hill
Weston

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dover-Sherborn
King Phillip
Walpole
Weston
Whitman-Hanson (*immediate*)

INTERNET FILTERING: Now mandated by Federal Law ~ Information is *enclosed* regarding Internet Filtering and a new Federal Law which is summarized by Carole Laperriere Schuster of Merrimack Education Center. This is pertinent information you will want to review and share with appropriate personnel.

PRINCIPALS' BILL ~ Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift, acting in place of the vacationing Governor, did not sign the Principals' Contract Bill before the January 12 deadline. This constituted a "pocket veto", since the legislative session had concluded. We thank Attorney Coley Walsh for his extraordinary lobbying efforts in connection with this matter.



February

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CONFERENCES FULL!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

John Glenn Middle School ~ Bedford, Massachusetts

Bedford is a suburban community located 15 miles north of Boston. John Glenn Middle School houses grades 6-8 with an enrollment of 481 students and a professional staff of 48. The principal's position will be available July 1, 2001 following a retirement. The salary for this position will be highly competitive.

Qualifications:

- *Appropriate Massachusetts Certification or eligibility*
- *Master's Degree*
- *Experience in school administration and supervision*
- *Ability to establish and maintain a school environment in which all students can learn*
- *Visionary Leader with middle school background able to chart the future course for the school*
- *Demonstrated commitment to the acceptance and celebration of diversity*
- *Ability to inspire faculty, students, and parents to work together so that all students can learn*
- *Collaborative leader who involves faculty, students, parents, and the community in the life of a team-centered middle school*

The application packet should include the following: A one page statement articulating your vision for the John Glenn Middle School; a letter of interest; a professional resume; proof of Massachusetts certification; three letters of reference; and copies of college transcripts. **Send application packet to: Dr. Maureen LaCroix, Asst. Superintendent, 11 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730**

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: February 26, 2001

To advance the systemwide goal of hiring a staff that better reflects the diversity of our student body, we strongly encourage applications from candidates of color.

CHESTER, VERMONT

K - 6 Principal

Chester-Andover Elementary School - serving 313 students. Administrative experience necessary. Chester-Andover Elementary School is located in Chester, Vermont and serves the picturesque rural towns of Andover and Chester, which offer a wealth of cultural and recreational opportunities.

- Salary: Negotiable
- Applicants must be eligible for Vermont certification

Application deadline - March 1, 2001

Application form available by contacting:

Edward J. Brown, Supt. of Schools
Windsor Southwest S.U.
89 VT. Rte. 103
South Chester, VT 05143

Phone: 802/875-3365 X-19
Fax: 802/875-3313

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BROCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Administrative Openings

School year 2000-2001

- ◆ Elementary Principal (*two positions*)
- ◆ Elementary Assistant Principal
- ◆ Early Childhood Assistant Principal
- ◆ Director of Bilingual Education

HIGH SCHOOL

- ◆ Housemaster
- ◆ Business Education – Department Head
- ◆ Physical Education – Department Head
- ◆ Special Education – Department Head (*grades 7-12*)

Interested candidates should immediately FAX or send a cover letter, résumé, certification, and references to:

**Brockton Public Schools, HR Office
43 Crescent Street, Brockton, MA 02301**

FAX: (508) 580-7091 TEL: (508) 580-7535

www.brocktonpublicschools.com

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Concord – Carlisle Regional High School CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Located twenty miles west of Boston, the Concord-Carlisle Regional High School is considered to be one of the finest high schools in the Commonwealth. Student achievement is among the highest in the state, and 95% of graduates in this school of 1,100 go on to higher education. Concord-Carlisle seeks a dynamic principal with a demonstrated commitment to success for all.

In addition to demonstrating the qualities of an effective instructional leader, the successful candidate will possess:

- **Superb interpersonal skills**
- **A strong academic background**
- **Experience as a secondary administrator**
- **Knowledge of curriculum and staff development**
- **Knowledge of using technology in an educational setting**
- **Outstanding supervisory skills**

Salary:..... up to \$110,000 based upon experience
Starting date: July 1, 2001

Please send letter of application, resume, and evidence of certification as a High School Principal by February 28, 2001 to:

**SCOPE Concord – Carlisle H. S. Principal Search
100 Lawrence Avenue, Smithtown, NY 11787**

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Seabrook School District

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Seabrook School District, located on the coast of New Hampshire, is seeking a dynamic educational leader for its 400 student, grades 5-8 middle school for July 1, 2001. Currently a K-8 structure with 900 students, the District is restructuring the building into a middle grades and lower grades instructional model.

Applicants must have an understanding of middle school philosophy, strong leadership and management skills, demonstrated record of commitment to high student achievement, ability to work collaboratively with faculty, staff and parents and experience in restructuring schools.

Excellent benefits and salary, low to mid 60's. Interested applicants please submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, certification and three current letters of reference to :

Jack Bourgoin, Superintendent of Schools
SAU #21, 2 Alumni Drive
Hampton, NH 03842

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ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Opening 2001-2002

PRINCIPAL – ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Arlington Public Schools seek a dynamic and committed High School Principal to join our Administrative Team, K-12. The new principal will be the educational leader for our faculty, staff and students. Approximately 80% of the *Class of 2000* went on to four-year colleges and another 10% continued their education beyond high school. Our course catalog is comprehensive and includes many academic offerings as well as allied offerings in Technology Education, Consumer and Family Studies, Art, Music, and Business. Our experienced and dedicated faculty works with 1070 students at a variety of challenge levels, including the AP level in many departments.

The high school administrative staff includes a part-time assistant to the Principal, a full time Athletic Director and three House Deans. Departmental administrators, with release time from teaching, are assigned to all subject areas. The high school has an active parent community and enjoys the support of the town, which is committed to a high quality educational experience for all its students.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, three letters of recommendation, transcripts, and current resume to:

Gus Martinson, Human Resource Officer
Arlington Public Schools
P.O. Box 167, Arlington, MA 02476
FAX: (781) 316-3509

Arlington is an E.O.E. and is seeking minority candidates.
You are invited to Self-Identify Race/Ethnic

WALPOLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Middle School Principal

Suburban community seeking
Middle School Principal for grades 6-8
Student population approximately 500

Great staff! Great support! Great students!

*Master's Degree required ~ CAGS or Doctorate preferred
Certification required ~ experience preferred
Salary commensurate with experience*

Send:

- Résumé;
- One-page statement entitled, "*Leadership at the Middle School*";
- Three references; and
- Transcripts

To: Dr. Paul A. Livingston
c/o Mrs. Ellis, Walpole Public Schools
135 School Street, Walpole, MA 02081

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