

Superintendent's Message - May 2011

Dear PTHS 209 Family and Friends,

On Thursday, May 19th, the Board of Education approved the appointment of new principals for Proviso East, Proviso West, and Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy.



Three candidates were selected after an extensive search and selection process which included: an initial interview with administrative cabinet with a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on improving student achievement, reference and background checks, one-on-one interviews with me and the executive director of the human resources department, and stakeholder interviews which included parents, teachers, students, board member representatives, union representatives, and administrative representatives. The selection process also included site visits to the schools of external applicants.

We have selected Mr. Tony Valente to serve as principal of Proviso East. Ms. Kim Waller will serve as principal of Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy. Dr. Roudell Kirkwood will serve as principal of Proviso West High School. We welcome these educational leaders who will join us as we work to raise the bar and continue to improve student achievement.

It is anticipated that the principals will begin July 1, 2011. The FOP is expected to take formal action at their meeting on June 21. The principals will likely be in the district a few days prior to that time in order to begin some transition work.

Thank you all for your patience and your support. A special thanks to those who were a part of the process. I look forward to us continuing to work together toward "Proviso Rising."

Sincerest Regards,

Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart
PTHS 209 Superintendent