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Announcement of Appointment

Michaela McBride Miranda is named Director of Athletics

The Schenectady City School District is pleased to announce that Michaela McBride Miranda has been named Schenectady City School District's new Director of Athletics.



"We are happy to share the exciting news that Michaela Miranda will lead our district's athletic program," said Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr. "We have a proud tradition and strong commitment to athletics in Schenectady and I am confident that Ms. Miranda will not only honor that commitment, but she will move us forward."

Miranda, a former college athlete (Division I and III), longtime coach of multiple sports, and motivated and experienced school administrator brings a wealth of knowledge and an extraordinary skillset. She began her career as an educator in 2005. She joined Schenectady as a teacher at Martin Luther King Elementary School in 2008 and where she taught until 2017. She then became a high school administrator, serving as an assistant cohort principal from 2017-2020. For the last year, Miranda has been the principal of Van Corlaer Elementary School.

"This is a fantastic fit for Michaela and a complete win-win," said Soler. "She is motivated and is a motivator. She is an advocate for our students, and she is a fantastic role-model for our student-athletes."

As an assistant high school cohort principal, Miranda was key in a collaborative leadership effort that included the creation and development of initiatives that led to improved student outcomes, including

the highest overall graduation rate in more than 10 years at Schenectady High School and the highest ever special education graduation rate for the class of 2019.

Throughout her administrative career, Miranda has demonstrated consistent use of restorative practice and progressive discipline, has scheduling experience, successfully uses data to improve outcomes and is committed to engagement and excellent communication.

As an elementary school principal, she demonstrated a continued commitment to equity and restorative practice by designing and implementing anti-racism and restorative practice teams. In each of her leadership roles, Miranda worked collaboratively with the school community to develop and promote a positive school culture.

Miranda has experience as an athlete and coach. She participated in Division I soccer and track & field at the University of Albany and then soccer at Russell Sage College (Division III). She was also a junior Olympian for track. Her coaching experience includes JV girls soccer and girls modified softball at Catholic Central High School. She was also an assistant varsity girls soccer coach at Catholic Central High School, a Premier assistant soccer coach in both Bethlehem and Latham, and an assistant track and field coach at Stillwater High School.

“I am extremely humbled by this opportunity and appointment as the new Athletic Director of the Schenectady City School District,” said Miranda. “I am committed to advocating for urban education and all of our students in our district.”

Miranda also noted that she is excited and looks forward to connecting with our school community and working to provide more opportunities for the students of Schenectady. “As a former Division I athlete and longtime coach of multiple sports, I understand the importance of connecting students in ways that provide extra protective factors for ensuring student success,” said Miranda.

Miranda obtained a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Sociology Concentration from Russell Sage College, a Master’s Degree, Professional Teacher Education at College of St. Rose, a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Building Leadership from SUNY Plattsburgh and School District Leader Certificate from SUNY Plattsburgh.

The board of education approved Miranda’s appointment on September 22. She will assume the role of Director of Athletics effective September 23. Tanya Delamater, instructional supervisor at Van Corlear Elementary School, has been selected to serve as interim principal, effective immediately.

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