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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Southeast Delco School District – Superintendent of Schools Position Update

The Southeast Delco Board of School Directors is pleased to announce that the search for the district’s next Superintendent has reached its final phase.

The Board began the search process in October 2023, by conducting a community survey and focus groups to determine what District stakeholders were looking for in their new superintendent and engaged the superintendent subcommittee for input into this process. The community responded with their opinions, goals, and priorities for the role. The Board then conducted a comprehensive search process facilitated by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) and guided by the community’s feedback. Of the 28 applications that were received, 11 were selected by the search committee for initial interviews. Four candidates advanced to the second round, and two to the final round.

At this time, the Board is pleased to announce **Dr. Yamil Sanchez Rivera** as the finalist candidate for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Southeast Delco School District.

The Board intends to name Dr. Yamil Sanchez Rivera to this position at a special scheduled school board meeting on January 29, 2024, subject to the execution of a mutually- acceptable Contract of Employment. The meeting will be held at Academy Park High School [300 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill, PA 19079] following the Community Forum. The Board thanks the community for its involvement in this important process.

Community Forum

The Southeast Delco Board of School Directors invites all staff, students, and community members to meet Dr. Yamil Sanchez Rivera on January 29, 2024 at a forum to be held in the auditorium at Academy Park High School [300 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill, PA 19079]. The forum will take place from *6:00 PM to 7:00 PM*, and be moderated by Dr. Maria Edelberg, Executive Director of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit.

Input from the community, families, students, and staff is appreciated. Individuals are asked to submit questions for consideration via this form: [**Submission of Questions for the Community Forum**](#) which will be accessible until **Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 11:59 PM**. Dr. Edelberg will categorize the questions by theme and ask them directly to **Dr. Yamil**

Sanchez Rivera at the forum. This process will maximize the number of questions that can be addressed in the time allotted. The public, staff, families, and students are invited and highly encouraged to attend.

The Southeast Delco School Board of Directors are excited for Dr. Sanchez Rivera to become part of the Southeast Delco community.

Resume: **DR. YAMIL SANCHEZ RIVERA**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF OPERATIONS

Reading School District | Reading, Pa. | 2020 – Present

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY IMPACT

United Way of Berks County | Reading, Pa. | 2016 – 2020

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley | Allentown, Pa. | 2014 – 2016

FOUNDING CEO AND HEAD OF SCHOOL

Lead Charter School | Reading, Pa. | 2011 – 2014

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Kuumba Academy Charter School | Wilmington, Del. | 2010 – 2011

DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY IMPACT ALLIANCES

United Way of Berks County and United Way of Delaware | 2007 – 2010

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee for Hispanic Children and Families | New York, NY | 2005 – 2007

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DaVinci Discovery Center | Allentown, Pa. | 2004 – 2005

DEVELOPMENT / MARKETING DIRECTOR

Police Athletic League | Reading, Pa. | 2002 – 2004

TEACHER

Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School | Philadelphia, Pa. | 2001 – 2002

OFFICE OF SOCIAL EQUITY RECRUITMENT OFFICER

Kutztown University | Kutztown, Pa. | 2000 – 2001

TEACHER

Allentown School District | Allentown, Pa. | 1999 – 2000

MENTORING AND THE ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Police Athletic League | Reading, Pa. | 1997 – 1999

TEACHER

Reading School District | Reading, Pa. | 1995 – 1997

SERVICE: BOARD and COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Reading Hospital Board Member
- Hispanic Center/Centro Hispano Board Member
- Berks Connections/Pretrial Services Board Member
- Berks Community Action Program Board Member
- Visions Federal Credit Union Advisory Board Member
- Digital Divide Committee Member
- United Way of Berks County Cabinet Member

EDUCATION:

Lehigh University – Ed.D. Secondary Education – Curriculum & Instruction – 2010

Dissertation Topic: Promoting Motivation through Mode of Instruction: The Relationship Between Use of Effective Teaching Techniques and Motivation to Learn Science

Lehigh University – MBA – 2022

Kutztown University – M.Ed. Secondary Education – Curriculum and Instruction – 1998

Villanova University – B.S. in Chemistry - 1995