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# Reading Public Schools

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Dear Reading Public Schools Community,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Grant Hightower as our new METCO director. We received over 25 applications in May and our screening team interviewed many excellent candidates. After a second round of interviews led by our team including Dr. Doherty, Superintendent, Ms. Julia Hendrix, Birch Meadow principal, Ms. Cathy Lopes, METCO, Inc., Jenn Bove, Human Resources Administrator, we were happy to offer Mr. Grant Hightower the position of our new Reading METCO director.

Mr. Hightower has a BA from American International College as well as an M.Ed. from Endicott College. He brings experience in working with students both at Germaine Lawrence School in Arlington as well as most recently as the METCO Academic Coordinator for the Wellesley Public Schools. We are proud to welcome Grant to Reading as our METCO director as we feel he has the experience, work ethic, innovation and ability to collaborate with staff and families. I am confident that he will do all that he can to support our program and indeed all of Reading in the days ahead.

We thank the screening committee for committing to a very busy and full day getting to meet our candidates. Their work supports our vision of equity in Reading and one that I am extremely proud to be a part of.

Screening Committee members:

Chris Kelley, Assistant Superintendent  
Jenn Bove, HR Administrator  
Kate Boynton, RMHS Principal  
Lisa Marie Ippolito, Joshua Eaton Principal  
Brendan Norton, Parker Middle School Assistant Principal  
Jennifer Blackmon, Parker Middle School Teacher

Sharon Burke, RMHS Librarian  
Jessica Lozzi, Coolidge Middle School Teacher  
Lisa Connell, Parent  
LaVonda Epps, Parent  
Sherilla Lestrade, Parent  
Gina McCormick, Parent

Best,

Chris Kelley  
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