

Press Release

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The Secaucus Public School District is pleased to announce that Dr. Robert Berckes, was appointed at a Special Public Meeting of the Board of Education, as the Principal of Secaucus High School.

Dr. Berckes has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Montclair State University and a Masters Degree in Supervision, Leadership and Administration from New Jersey City University. He holds NJ Certification for Biological Sciences K-12, Physical Education K-12, Principal/Supervisor and Superintendent.

He has been involved in education for over 35 years, beginning his career in 1975 locally as a Physical Education teacher at Immaculate Conception School in Secaucus. In 1983 Dr. Berckes moved to St. Mary's High School in East Rutherford as teacher of biology and chemistry where he also served as the Dean of Students and finally as the Principal in 2003.

After a brief two years at Hudson County Tech, Dr. Berckes returned to Secaucus to teach Science at the Huber Street School for the past year.

Dr. Berckes' wife is a teacher. His oldest daughter, who attended Boston College and Seton Hall Law School, is a teacher and an attorney. His younger daughter is a recent graduate of Amherst College and is working as a para-legal.

As a participant in eleven New York City marathons, Dr. Berckes is a competitive, focused and disciplined individual and promises to bring these traits to his new role as principal of a top-performing high school. He commented that, "It is exciting to work with great teachers, staff and supportive parents. As someone who has been in education for 35 years I can say that the Superintendent is doing a phenomenal job. I have seen all of the initiatives she has put in place to continue, and advance, the rich tradition that permeates our educational system. She is on-target, from a state and national perspective, to move our schools into the 21st century."