



MSAA & MIAA Announce Dr. Robert Baldwin as Next Executive Director



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Dear MSAA/MIAA Members,

The Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA) and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) are pleased to announce Dr. Robert Baldwin as the next Executive Director of both Associations. Dr. Baldwin will succeed Mr. William Gaine, who is retiring after serving in the role of Executive Director for the past eight years, and who has been with the MIAA for 42 years. Dr. Baldwin will be the fourth person to hold the position of Executive Director, and he is the first school superintendent to serve in that capacity.

Dr. Baldwin stated, "I am both honored and humbled to have been selected as the Executive Director of the MIAA and MSAA. I am enthusiastic to begin this position as it complements my personal story and professional career of Educational Athletics and leadership."

Dr. Baldwin served as the Superintendent of the Fairhaven Public Schools for the past 16 years. Named the Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year for 2021 by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Dr. Baldwin recently served as President of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.) and was recognized at their 2021 annual conference as the recipient of the prestigious Christos Daoulas Award.

Dr. Baldwin received his Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Physical Education at Springfield College and his Master of Arts in Athletic Administration from the University of Maryland. Dr. Baldwin continued his education at NOVA Southeastern University, earning a Doctorate of Educational Leadership.

Dr. Baldwin began his career as a physical education teacher while coaching both boys and girls athletic teams. He went on to become the PreK-12 Health Coordinator/Physical Education Director in Fairhaven. Dr. Baldwin's career path led him to then serve as the Assistant Principal in Fairhaven and then the Principal of Middleborough High School before being named Superintendent of Schools in Fairhaven. In his early administrative roles, he led multiple presentations at various conferences for MSSAA (predecessor to the MSAA).

Besides his work with the M.A.S.S., Dr. Baldwin also serves on the Board of Trustees of the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) where

he recently chaired the High School Committee and has led a number of NEASC accreditation visits. As a member of the M.A.S.S., Dr. Baldwin has served on various committees, including the Committee on Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, the MASS/DESE State Reopening Plan Working Group and the Superintendent Evaluation Working Group.

As President of the M.A.S.S., Dr. Baldwin has been referred to as a unifier and has interacted with educational leaders across the state in matters related to educational policy. He has shared the needs of, and advocated for, our educators and students with legislative leaders on Beacon Hill, the Commissioner of Education, and the team at DESE. Moving forward, he hopes that these relationships will help him to better address the needs of all MSAA/MIAA stakeholders. Dr. Baldwin indicated, "My intent is to listen to, support, and lead the Associations so that we can collectively provide the services needed to benefit ALL of our young people. Together we can make a difference and provide them with a foundation that prepares them for success in life. I am very excited to begin this responsibility and will work very hard on your behalf."

The start date for Dr. Baldwin is Monday, August 23, 2021.



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