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## Justin Lansley Appointed Principal of New Steinmetz Freshman Leadership Academy

The Schenectady City School District is thrilled to announce the appointment of Justin Lansley as the inaugural principal of the Steinmetz Freshman Leadership Academy (SFLA). The Board of Education officially approved his appointment on July 9, 2025. This brand-new academy, located on Oakwood Avenue, will be dedicated to supporting all incoming freshmen.



Lansley brings a wealth of experience to his new role. He most recently served as an assistant principal for the Humanities, Communication and Advocacy Leadership Community at Schenectady High School, where he also took on the responsibilities of night school principal. From 2022 to 2024, he was an assistant high school principal at the Queensbury Union Free School District. Before stepping into administration, Lansley was a middle school and high school English teacher for twelve years. His commitment to students extends beyond the classroom; he has also coached various sports, including wrestling, soccer, and track, throughout his career in education, which began in 2005.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to collaborate with such an outstanding team as we launch the new Steinmetz Leadership Freshmen Academy," said Lansley. I eagerly anticipate working alongside our staff, students, families, and the Schenectady community to support our mission of equipping students for a successful transition into high school. Ninth grade is a pivotal year and I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to guide and support our incoming freshmen as they embark on this journey."

The Steinmetz Freshman Leadership Academy is a vital new program designed to ease the transition from middle school to high school for incoming ninth graders. It offers a smaller learning community with dedicated staff and a robust support system, all focused on helping students adjust academically, socially, and emotionally. The goal is to foster a positive and successful first year of high school, laying a strong foundation for future achievements.

To kick off the school year, Lansley will host a meet-and-greet and barbecue in August. The SFLA building itself is undergoing a significant transformation. A \$25 million renovation project, approved

by voters as part of the 2023 Capital Project proposition, is expected to be completed by the end of the summer. The newly renovated school will welcome approximately 500 students this September.