



## Rye City School District

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Dear Rye City School District Parents and Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Michael R. Arias as the Rye City School District's new Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics. His appointment is the culmination of a search process that has been underway since the fall and which initially involved 49 applicants for the position. The Board and I are confident that Michael is the right fit for Rye. He is a proven leader and administrator who has managed a successful athletic program while ensuring an outstanding educational experience for student athletes.

Michael is currently serving as the Director of Athletics of Keio Academy of New York in Purchase. Keio is a private school but participates in Section 1 athletics through NYSPSHAA, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, the same athletic organization the RCSD belongs to.

During his nine years as Athletic Director at Keio, Michael supervised 25 coaches in an athletic program that captured numerous League, Section, Regional, State and Federation titles. During his time there, he sought to establish a collaborative culture of respect, dedication and professionalism amongst both colleagues and community members.

Prior to becoming Director of Athletics, Michael was a Physical Education Instructor and a Health Education Instructor at Keio. His coaching experience includes working as a JV Football coach in the Nyack Public Schools and as an Assistant Varsity Baseball coach in the Mamaroneck Union Free School District. Michael originally hails from Mamaroneck, NY.

For more information, please click [here](#), or go to the District's website at [www.ryeschools.org](http://www.ryeschools.org) to read the press release about Michael's appointment.

We look forward to welcoming Michael to the Garnet family when he joins us on July 1.

Sincerely,

Frank Alvarez  
Superintendent