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Jaime Crowley Named Rhode Island Assistant Principal of the Year

December 10, 2009 – The Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Association of School Principals (RIASP) has named Jaime Crowley, Assistant Principal of Mt. Hope High School and resident of Newport, as its 2010 Assistant Principal of the Year.

Having earned Bachelor and Master of Arts Degrees in French from Boston College, Mr. Crowley began teaching French at Mt. Hope High School in 1997. Now in his third year as Assistant Principal at Mt. Hope High School, Mr. Crowley has been recognized as an educational leader at the school for many years. Working with teachers, parents, students, staff, and fellow administrators, Mr. Crowley has led school improvement efforts through a collaborative decision making process founded on data-driven decision making. Those with whom he works speak to Mr. Crowley's consensus-building leadership of the School Improvement Team as essential to the school's increase in the graduation rate, incorporation of the proficiency based graduation requirements (PBGR's) into the school's assessment system, development of rigorous common tasks, and implementation of high standards for all students.

Working collaboratively with department chairs and staff, Mr. Crowley led the development of a research-based schoolwide Comprehensive Assessment Program in Literacy (MtCAP), which has enabled students significantly to improve their skill levels in the areas of thinking, analysis, and writing. Administering a series of common calibration activities with teachers in interdisciplinary teams, Mr. Crowley ensured that rigorous student tasks were evaluated via the application of a common writing/literacy rubric. This work has resulted not only in measurable student improvement, but also in changed instructional practices.

Mr. Crowley has been deeply involved in the effort to assist students to take charge of their learning, helping to design programs that support all students. In concert with other staff, Mr. Crowley worked to create an electronic Individual Learning Plan (ILP). This ILP enables each student to identify academic, career, and personal/social goals and to determine pathways to achieve proficiency in all curricular areas. Actively involved in the restructuring of summer school to a proficiency based program, implementation of the ninth grade transition program, and development of the extended day program, Mr. Crowley has been a true leader of personalization efforts at Mt. Hope High School.

Jaime Crowley "has extremely high standards and goals for our school, and his integrity and support shines through in everything that he does." He "collects hard data to drive systemic change." An honorable and fair man, understanding and witty, Jaime Crowley is "an extremely effective and motivated leader at Mt. Hope High School." "He realizes what is good for the students, teachers, and overall environment at Mt. Hope."

The RIASP Assistant Principal of the Year award program is conducted under the direction of the NASSP/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year Program. In addition to being recognized by RIASP at an award ceremony in May, Mr. Crowley will be honored at the NASSP Assistant Principal's Forum and Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C. in April.