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Karl Lang to Lead McGavock High

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Jan. 29, 2009) – Karl Lang, MNPS Director of Smaller Learning Communities, will assume the position of interim executive principal at McGavock High School, effective immediately. Lang will hold this position throughout the end of the school year when an open application process will begin. Lang replaces Dr. Mildred Saffell-Smith who was asked to serve on an interim basis by MNPS Administrators and the State Department of Education prior to the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

“Karl is a fine educator and leader,” said Dr. Register. “He possesses the qualities and skills necessary to lead a school with the size and diversity of McGavock.”

Lang, a longtime educator, worked his way up the ranks with Metro Schools. He began teaching at Stratford High, where he was named the school’s Teacher of the Year and honored with a NewsChannel 5 Golden Apple Award. Lang then began his administrative career as an interim Assistant Principal at Stratford High. He then went on to become principal at Baxter Alternative, assistant principal at Hillsboro High School, principal at Cameron Middle School, and principal at Hillwood High School.

“While I’ve really enjoyed focusing on the implementation of Smaller Learning Communities, the school is my home,” said Lang. “I’m excited and optimistic about what we can achieve at McGavock.”

Lang earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in administration from Trevecca Nazarene University. He has presented at two national conferences on the topic of 9th grade transition strategies, has completed training in IB Middle Years and IB Diploma programs, has served as football, basketball and track coach, and was formerly the President of Region VI AAA Basketball Association.

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