

**GLENBROOK
SOUTH
HIGH SCHOOL**

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To: Dr. Steven Caliendo

From: Brian Wegley

Date: January 31, 2011

Re: Appointments: Certified

Screening interviews with eight candidates that met our rigorous standards for this position revealed two strong finalists. Committee interviews with two administrative committees and one staff committee resulted in the identification of our new leader for the department at Glenbrook South High School.

It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Lara Cummings for our next Assistant Principal of Student Services. Dr. Cummings will bring considerable balance and experience with her into this position. Her most recent experience has been as the Assistant Principal for Student Services at Niles North High School, a position she has held since 2007. Prior to her successful years as assistant principal she spent two years as the Niles North Special Education Coordinator. These experiences, coupled with her PhD in psychology, and engaging personality make her an outstanding addition to our administrative team and to student services at Glenbrook South High School.

Niles North's previous principal called her the "most critical member of his team" and shared that she is a "compassionate listener within her department and a tremendous support throughout the building." He and Niles North's current principal also shared that Dr. Cummings is a collaborative, intelligent decision maker.

Dr. Cummings is an outstanding individual whose character will fit well within our leadership team, who will put students' needs first and who will serve her department well.

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Steve Caliendo
RE: Contract for Board of Education approval

LARA CUMMINGS

Assistant Principal for Student Services

Degrees:

BS (Psychology) – Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois

MA (School Psychology) – Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

Ph.D. (School Psychology) – Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

Certification: Illinois Type 73 School Psychology
Illinois Type 75 General Administrative

Experience:

Dr. Lara Cummings has spent the past four years as the Asst. Principal for Student Services at Niles North High School. Prior to that position she served as the Special Education Coordinator at Niles North. Dr. Cummings has also served as a school psychologist and student services team coordinator. She has a rich background in special education as well as strong experience in supervision of guidance counseling staff, college counselors, social workers, psychologists, interns, registrar, and student assistance program team members. She has established powerful partnerships with the community and local organizations.

Salary: \$136,871 (12 month administrator)

Contract begins July 1, 2011

Replaces Mark O'Brien (salary for 10-11 \$165,042)