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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Cabinet Champion: Dr. Dominique Moore, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Date: July 28, 2026
Re: Assistant Principal, Rock Island Center for Math and Science

The selection process for the Assistant Principal position yielded a pool of nine (9) applicants, with five (5) candidates, who met the minimum qualifications, advancing to the interview stage. The comprehensive selection process included application screening, a data analysis presentation, an in-person panel interview, a writing assessment, and a second-round interview with the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and the Principal of Rock Island Center for Math and Science (RICMS). Following this rigorous selection process, Mr. Daniel Colbrese emerged as the strongest candidate and is recommended for appointment as Assistant Principal of Rock Island Center for Math and Science.

Mr. Colbrese is a ten-year veteran of Rock Island-Milan School District #41 and currently serves as the Dean at Edison Junior High School, where he has established strong, positive relationships with staff, scholars, and families. Prior to his current role, he served as Dean of Students at Washington Junior High School. In addition to his leadership experience, Mr. Colbrese has also taught at RI Academy and Eugene Field Elementary School. In each of these roles, he has made significant contributions to fostering a positive school culture and climate while supporting scholar success.

Mr. Colbrese has demonstrated a strong commitment to student achievement and continuous professional growth by completing additional coursework focused on supporting scholars with special needs and participating in professional learning aligned with the district's instructional leadership initiatives.

Mr. Colbrese holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Educational Policy and Leadership. His educational background, leadership experience, and deep understanding of the Rock Island-Milan School District #41 community positions him well for success in this role.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Daniel Colbrese to the position of Assistant Principal at Rock Island Center for Math and Science for the 2026–2027 school year at an annual salary of \$105,450.

Investment Period: One year contract
Total Investment: \$105,454
Funding Source: District Funds

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