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BOARD APPOINTS CHADDS FORD ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Mark Ransford appointed Principal

UNIONVILLE, Pennsylvania, June 18, 2007 -- The Unionville-Chadds Ford School District Board of Directors named Mark Ransford as the new Principal of Chadds Ford Elementary School. Mr. Ransford's appointment will become effective July 2, 2007.

Mark comes to UCFSD from Hillsdale Elementary School in the West Chester School District where he has served his entire 19 year education career. As a teacher, Mark was very active as a school leader in curriculum development, strategic planning, and staff development. As the summer school site manager, Mark planned, coordinated and implemented the school's entire summer program. Mark is an accomplished technology integrator, earning the title of Pennsylvania Keystone Technology Integrator. His other honors include the Citadel Heart of Learning Elementary Teacher award and the USA TODAY All-Star Teacher Honorable Mention for its All-USA Teacher Team.

Mark's commitment to children is clear and strong as a Foster Parent, a Group Leader and Camp Director at the Children's International Summer Villages, Big Brother in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Chester County, and an Adoption Program Coordinator in the West Chester area.

Mark received his Bachelor of Science degree, Master of Education degree and teaching certificate from West Chester University and his Educational Administration degree from Penn State University.

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