



Michael House

Buffalo Public Schools -

The 'new guy' isn't really new. The native, who left town, is back home with loads of experience and a list of goals, projects and initiatives to consider for the Buffalo Public Schools (BPS). The Lewiston-Porter native is in his first year as the Interim Director of Athletics for BPS. In a career that has spanned 19 years, Michael House has been an Athletic Director for seven years and has served as an Assistant Principal for five.

Prior to his return to Section VI and BPS, House served in various capacities over 10 years in Georgia. Those stops included as Athletic Director at Meadowcreek HS in Suwanee, as a Special Education teacher at Alpharetta HS in Atlanta, Athletic Director at Jonesboro HS and as a Health & Physical Education Teacher at Morgan County Middle School in Madison. While working in the Deep South, Michael led various sports, including several seasons as a highly successful head varsity girls' basketball coach.

During the 2011-12 basketball season, House led the Jonesboro Lady Cardinals to the 4-A Final Four and in 2012-13 led the Alpharetta Lady Raiders to the 6-A Elite Eight. Mike's teams won six Regional Championships and had an overall varsity record of 151-65. House's 10 years in Georgia produced numerous coaching honors, most notably 2012 Atlanta Journal Constitution South Metro Coach of the Year (COY), 2012 Clayton News Daily COY, 2012 Region 4-A COY and 2013 Region 6-A COY. He coached six First Team All-State players and 17 of his players earned college scholarships after their high school careers.



The basketball and baseball athlete at Lew-Port, House went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education from SUNY Brockport, a Master's from Niagara University in Special Education, a second Master's from Niagara University in Administration & Supervision and an ABD/Ed.S from the University of Phoenix in Educational Leadership.

Michael's mother, Charlotte was a kindergarten teacher at Lewiston Porter for 27 years and served as an inspirational guide steering him toward education. In addition, his high school basketball coach, Matt Bradshaw made it clear through his actions and role modeling that a career as an educator was worth considering. Sister Meghan, a former All-WNY hoopster for the Lancers, is a college math professor.

As a former Assistant Principal at McKinley High School, Michael demonstrated the ability to master the roles and responsibilities associated with being an AP. House worked collaboratively with all the stakeholders at McKinley, and helped lead school-based initiatives to move the 'instructional needle' of the school to new levels. In the eyes of New York State SED, these accomplishments improved the educational status of McKinley from a receivership school, to focus and currently, as a school in good standing.

This transformational turnaround took place under his five years as AP where student attendance increased, suspensions decreased and school wide goals were established for NYS Regents exams, AP exams and day-to-day coursework. Under his leadership, the school also achieved Mean Growth Percentile increases in both Mathematics and English based on NYS performance results.

The new Director with BPS brings with him some homegrown virtues such as hard work, dedication and problem solving. Sprinkle in some old Southern seasoning and you have the recipe for success with the Buffalo Public Schools.