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Ezra H. Baker Innovation School Appoints Mr. Patrick M. Riley as New Principal.



Ezra H. Baker Innovation School is excited to announce the appointment of Patrick Riley as its new principal, effective July 1, 2025.

Patrick Riley brings a wealth of experience in education, having previously served as the assistant principal/dean of students at Station Avenue Elementary School and as the principal at Marguerite E. Small Elementary School within our district. Most recently, he has been serving as a principal at Truro Central School, where he was well-regarded for his leadership and dedication to student success.

Mr. Riley is known for his strong commitment to both academic excellence and the social-emotional well-being of students. Throughout his career, he has been a passionate advocate for creating supportive

environments where students can thrive. He played a pivotal role in implementing and supporting district-wide social-emotional initiatives in D-Y, providing educators with the tools they need to offer students the structure and support that maximizes their learning potential.

Colleagues and references alike have praised Mr. Riley for his supportive and encouraging leadership style, his ability to collaborate effectively, and his skill in building trust within the school community. His approach positively impacts staff, students, and families alike, fostering an atmosphere of growth and mutual respect.

"I am excited to join Ezra H. Baker Innovation School and look forward to getting to know all of the students, staff, and families," said Mr. Riley. "I consider myself very fortunate to have the opportunity to lead a school that has such well established values and traditions following Principal Kevin Depin's many years of dedicated service."

The appointment of Mr. Riley follows a rigorous selection process involving the screening of a diverse pool of candidates. A panel consisting of parents, educators, and school leaders conducted initial interviews, which were followed by a series of in-depth discussions with the full leadership team. After a full-day visit to Ezra Baker, Mr. Riley emerged as one of two finalists and was ultimately selected for the role.

"Empowering each student to achieve excellence with integrity in a changing world"

“We are really excited to welcome Mr. Riley as the new principal of Ezra Baker,” said Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith. “His experience as a principal at Marguerite E. Small, along with his expertise in supporting social-emotional development, will be a great asset to our school community. We are confident that under his leadership, Ezra Baker will continue to grow and excel.”