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## Ellington Board of Education Appoints Anderson Rawlins as Director of Athletics and Wellness

Mr. Rawlins with his wealth of experience playing, coaching and leading athletic programming to begin duties July 1, 2022

**ELLINGTON, CT** – At a meeting on June 15, 2022, the Ellington Board of Education appointed Mr. Anderson Rawlins as the Director of Athletics and Wellness. This administrative position will be responsible for leading the Ellington Public Schools' athletic programs grades 7 through 12, physical education, health curriculum and wellness activities grades K through 12.

Mr. Rawlins holds a Bachelors in Psychology and Masters of Elementary Education from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. He completed his administrative degree in Educational Leadership at Southern CT State University.



Anderson Rawlins

Mr. Rawlins comes to Ellington from the Bethel Public Schools where he taught 5th grade at Johnson Elementary School, served as the assistant athletic director, freshman football coach and varsity girls' basketball coach at Bethel High School. Mr. Rawlins also taught elementary school for the Danbury Public Schools, coached basketball for Ridgefield High School and AAU basketball.

Mr. Rawlins was a three sport athlete during high school participating in football, basketball and track and earning All State Honors in track. He continued his athletic career as a track and field sprinter and hurdler for Sacred Heart University.

An interview committee composed of parents, teachers, coaches and administrators interviewed eight highly qualified candidates. Chair of the interview committee, Mr. Oliver Barton, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction stated, "Anderson Rawlins is passionate about the value of athletics in the

development of young people; his experience, talent, and vision resonated with all members of the Ellington community who were involved in the selection process."

"I would like to thank the interview committee and everyone at the Ellington Public Schools for this opportunity. I am honored and privileged to partner with the community to further develop an athletic program we will be proud of. With an emphasis centered on supporting our student athletes, and coaches to create a great experience for everyone who loves the Knights. I can't express how honored I am with this opportunity and look forward to leading Ellington Athletics."

## - Anderson Rawlins, Director of Athletics and Wellness

Board of Education Secretary Jennifer Mullins commented, "As a Board member and parent of an Ellington student-athlete, I couldn't be more excited for Mr. Rawlins to join the district. His enthusiasm and vision are contagious and I look forward to seeing that come to fruition on the fields, courts and hallways of the Ellington Public Schools."

Mr. Rawlins will begin his duties on July 1, 2022.

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