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ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT - December 2011

District Office Appoints Vice Principal for Dhahran Elementary/Middle School Effective August 2012

International Schools Group (ISG) is pleased to introduce **Mr. Shawn Vento** as the newly appointed Vice Principal for Dhahran Elementary/Middle School (DEMS), effective August 2012. Mr. Vento, who was previously awarded a Certificate of Leadership and Masters of Science degree from Buffalo State University – a collaborative program with ISG District – currently serves as DEMS Activity and Athletic Coordinator and as a Physical Education/Health Teacher. Mr. Vento will replace departing Vice Principal Hal Cooke, who will serve as the Principal for Yanbu International School next year.

Originally from Canada, Mr. Vento is well-known by colleagues, students, and parents and is described as a friendly, organized and hardworking person. “Our students,” suggests Mr. Vento, “would say that I have high standards and expectations;” qualities which will serve the DEMS community well as he takes on his new role as Vice Principal. “I am excited about DEMS and enjoy building relationships and getting people involved in what is happening at the school.” Working with such a broad range of children from pre-school to adolescence requires special talents including strong, personable communication abilities and contagious enthusiasm. Mr. Vento offers these strengths and experience gained through over 12 years of working as an international elementary and middle school teacher, five years in leadership as the current athletics/activities director, and over two decades of experience as a youth mentor and coach.

Serving as a mentor and coach is critical to building an effective helping relationship with students and promoting school enhancement efforts in partnership with parents and staff. Having worked in Lebanon and in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, Mr. Vento has been instrumental in school improvement committees, curriculum review bodies, accreditation teams, grading and reporting initiatives, and has championed planning and implementation of new learning-based training programs leaving an indelible mark on the communities he serves.

Parental involvement is also critical for any successful educational community. As an active teacher representative to the DEMS parent-teacher group for the past three years, Mr. Vento has worked closely with DEMS families to strengthen and streamline after school programming, promote student wellness programs, and realize multiple successful sporting tournaments which welcome community members from across the country to the ISG Dhahran campus.

ISG District wishes to congratulate Mr. Vento on his appointment and commends his contributions to the ISG educational community.