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NEW CEO BRINGS EXPERIENCE TO GRAYSTONE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Coatesville, PA – Graystone Academy Charter School has selected Anthony Gordon as their new Chief Executive Officer effective August 1. Anthony will bring his extensive experience in public and charter school education to implement strategic initiatives to advance Graystone Academy's future.

Anthony's career began in the School District of Philadelphia as a home and school visitor, working as a liaison between families, schools, social agencies, and courts to support "at risk" children. When budget allocations shifted his role, Anthony selected one of the most challenging inner-city schools to play a part in advancing the future of those students as an elementary education teacher.

When the charter school movement began in the late 1990's, Anthony embraced the philosophy of giving parents a public school choice for their children. After eleven years working in the School District of Philadelphia, Anthony was appointed Principal of a Philadelphia Charter School and later promoted to Principal/Chief Academic Officer (CAO). During his six year tenure, Anthony provided insight on curriculum and community development initiatives, led strategic planning and staff development programs, and oversaw fiscal and operational structure. He spent an additional two years as CAO of another Philadelphia Charter School and one year as an educational consultant before accepting his current position with Graystone.

"We expect Anthony's background and expertise to be a great benefit to Graystone Academy students, parents, faculty, and community," states Bill Bush, Graystone Academy School Board President. "Anthony comes to our school with innovative ideas based on his previous successes and we expect his positive impact to be felt immediately. We look forward to seeing Graystone continue to flourish under his direction."

As Anthony looks to Graystone's future, he plans to focus on both short-term and long-term goals, including: developing a focused curriculum to increase reading skills; increasing community involvement to serve all students of the community; preparing Graystone students to be competitive in a global society through increased technology initiatives; and partnering with higher education institutions to inspire future teachers and develop tutoring programs.

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Opened in 2002 by parents interested in an education alternative, Graystone Academy Charter School is a tuition-free K-8 public school designed to challenge students academically through the use of creative curricula and progressive teaching methods. Graystone Academy emphasizes academic rigor, high achievement and a creative environment to connect students to their community and the world. By focusing on educating the whole child – mind, body and spirit – Graystone Academy offers a well-balanced education to provide the skills and discipline needed to support students' transition to high school, higher education and beyond.