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American Paradigm Schools Appoints Steven Bilski as Chief Operating Officer

Philadelphia, PA – July 8, 2026 – American Paradigm Schools (APS), a nonprofit charter management organization serving students across North and Northeast Philadelphia, today announced the appointment of former Memphis Street Academy Charter School at John Paul Jones (MSA) CEO and principal, Steven M. Bilski, to Chief Operating Officer. Bilski is one of 52 MSA faculty to be placed within the APS network of schools.

Bilski began his tenure in 2013 as a 7th-grade Social Studies teacher at MSA following the school's establishment through the School District of Philadelphia's Renaissance Initiative, when the JP Jones Middle School community voted to have American Paradigm Schools transform the school to better serve Port Richmond scholars and families. Over 12 years, he rose through the ranks serving as Director of Operations and Assistant Principal before becoming CEO and principal of MSA in 2022. He also served as an assistant coach for the baseball team and as an instructional coach for teachers in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

"Mr. Bilski embodies everything we believe about leadership at APS, that the most committed educators are already in our buildings, invested in our students, and living our mission every day," said Ashley Redfearn, CEO of American Paradigm Schools. "This appointment reaffirms how critical it is that we support and maintain him and his team during this time of transition. I am confident that Steven's deep roots at Memphis Street Academy and his firsthand understanding of what our students and families need will make him an exceptional COO for our entire organization."

With a focus on providing students with enriching experiences inside and outside the classroom, he has worked to ensure access to critical programming such as English language services, health center resources, athletics, and community activities. Among his noteworthy initiatives, Bilski played a central role in launching MSA's Wildcat Pantry: Neighbors Helping Neighbors, One Meal at a Time, a student-operated food pantry designed to combat food insecurity in the Port Richmond community.

Bilski holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati, a master's degree from Villanova University, a master's of education in secondary social studies from the University of Georgia, and a PK-12 Principal Certificate from Cabrini University.

About American Paradigm Schools

American Paradigm Schools (APS) is a nonprofit charter management organization that supports and serves three charter schools in North and Northeast Philadelphia. These schools



are: First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School; Lindley Academy Charter School and Tacony Academy Charter School. For more information, visit www.ap-schools.org.

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