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### Spaulding Academy & Family Services Names Lavallee Principal and Director of Special Education

**Northfield, NH** – Spaulding Academy & Family Services has promoted Garrett Lavallee, MEd, of Meredith to Principal and Director of Special Education.

Lavallee began his career at Spaulding Academy & Family Services in 1999 as a member of the Residential team while an undergraduate student at Colby-Sawyer College. He then held various positions within Spaulding Academy including Paraeducator, Special Education teacher, and Special Education Coordinator. He most recently served as Assistant Director of Special Education.

“Garrett’s unique combination of technical expertise and deep compassion for his students will serve him well in this role,” Todd Emmons, CEO & President, Spaulding Academy & Family Services. “He has dedicated his career to improving the lives of every student on campus and considers Spaulding Academy an extension of his family. The Board of Directors and leadership staff share my excitement in partnering with him to shape the future of Spaulding Academy.”

Lavallee is currently working to expand Spaulding Academy’s Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum, including deepening integration of the Choose Love Movement program. He is also identifying ways to further the school’s student-centered focus.

“Spaulding Academy exists to give children the tools to experience healing, safety, and happiness, while preparing them for meaningful adulthoods,” Lavallee said. “Along with academics, we treat the whole child - aiming to meet each child’s unique needs.”

Lavallee is a member of the Boards of Directors of Lakes Region Community Services and 603 United and serves as a Spaulding Academy & Family Services ambassador to the Child Development education team at Colby-Sawyer College. He was awarded the 2011 State of New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families and Division of Juvenile Justice Services Exemplary



Leadership and Service Award and was a 2006 inductee of the Gilford High School Athletic Hall of Fame for soccer and basketball.

Lavallee holds State of New Hampshire licensing in Special Education Administration, Special Education Teaching, and Early Childhood Special Education Teaching; a Master of Education degree in Special Education Administration from Plymouth State University; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development from Colby-Sawyer College.

For more information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services, visit [SpauldingServices.org](http://SpauldingServices.org).

## **ABOUT SPAULDING ACADEMY & FAMILY SERVICES**

Spaulding Academy & Family Services is a leading provider of educational, residential, therapeutic and community-based programs and services for families, and children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning or developmental challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder and those who have experienced significant trauma, abuse or neglect. Established in 1871, Spaulding Academy & Family Services is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was formerly known as Spaulding Youth Center since 1958. Its scenic hilltop campus is located on over 500 acres in Northfield, NH and welcomes boys and girls from ages 4 to 21 from around the state of New Hampshire and beyond. In addition to programs provided on the Northfield campus, Spaulding Academy & Family Services' community-based programs include foster family licensing, Individual Service Option (ISO) foster care, ISO in-home services, child health support services, and more for children ages 0 to 20 and their family. For information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services, visit [www.SpauldingServices.org](http://www.SpauldingServices.org).

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