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**IVY STREET SCHOOL WELCOMES BRANDON CARDET-HERNANDEZ  
AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Brookline, MA – (November 03, 2020)** The Ivy Street School announced it has appointed Brandon Cardet-Hernandez as its new Executive Director. Brandon joins Ivy Street School with nearly twenty years of experience working in education, including serving as the Senior Education Policy Advisor for the Mayor’s Office of the City of New York and as the Principal of The Urban Assembly Bronx Academy of Letters, a turnaround high school in the South Bronx. As Executive Director, Brandon will be responsible for outlining a clear vision for Ivy Street’s future as a preeminent school for youth with neurocognitive and neurodevelopmental disorders. Additional responsibilities will include increasing the visibility and community-wide understanding of the organization’s mission, goals, and activities and deepening the ongoing work of building an inclusive community for students.

“We are excited to have Brandon join the school as our new Executive Director,” said Barbara Salisbury, Chief Executive Officer of Mab Community Services. “He has the background experience and passion that is the right fit for Ivy Street School right now. We look forward to Brandon building on the momentum of the last decade of the school’s growth and success. At a time when there is significant and growing attention to special education, Ivy Street School is poised to play an ever vital and transformational leadership role with Brandon’s leadership.”

“I am thrilled to join MAB and to lead Ivy Street School into its next chapter,” said Brandon. I believe in personalized learning so that our students’ experiences, cultures, and identities are affirmed and used as a critical lever for deepening growth. Now, more than ever, students living with disabilities require innovative, culturally responsive, and adaptive models for learning. The Ivy Street School has long been leading this charge, and I cannot wait to be a part of this incredible team.”

Brandon brings with him extensive experience in education and a passion for social justice. From his work as the Senior Education Policy Advisor for the City of New York to his experience as a community organizer, special-education teacher, and public-school principal, Brandon will bring the mix of leadership skills and innovative thinking in order for Ivy Street School achieve its ambitious goals for the future.

**ABOUT IVY STREET SCHOOL**

Ivy Street is one of Massachusetts’ premier schools offering day and residential programming for students with brain injuries, autism spectrum disorder, and behavioral health challenges. Ivy Street School is a leader in innovative therapeutic education. The school engages students in a rigorous curriculum providing tangible and measurable impact on their social-skill development and overall well-being. Students and families are supported by professionals, from cognitive-behavioral therapists, on-site nurses, language specialists to speech and occupational therapists.