

Wilson to take post at Bath school Jan. 3

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AUGUSTA — Timothy P. Wilson will end 10 years of state government service this month to become associate headmaster at Hyde School in Bath.

He starts work there Jan. 3, Headmaster William J. McLean III confirmed Tuesday.

Wilson has built a reputation as a trouble-shooter and top administrator under three governors since 1973. He will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of Hyde School, McLean said.

The appointment results from the need for more administrative support at Hyde, said McLean, adding Wilson has the level of administrative expertise that the school needs.

McLean, meanwhile, will deal with broad policy, financial, alumni and external issues.

His priority will be to start building an endowment at Hyde, which was founded in 1966 and still has none. He said his responsibility will be to raise \$5 to \$6 million over the next few years.

Wilson, who also has 10 years experience as a classroom teacher, said he is proud of the things he accomplished in state government, but it is a good time to move on.

He said he has no huge pronouncements about the new job. "It fits where Tim Wilson is



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today," he said. "I really want to help the school move in the direction the board and Bill (McLean) want, in a safe and healthy way."

Wilson will leave a job as associate commissioner in the State Bureau of Mental Retardation, which he's held since December 1980. "I can walk away from my job feeling that working with (the bureau's commissioner) Kevin Cannon is a nice way to go out," Wilson said.

A number of Hyde faculty have left the school since McLean took over as Hyde's headmaster in July 1982, acknowledged Wilson, a Hyde trustee for the last three years. Whenever there are changes in administration, there are new ideas and some staffers don't always like them, he said.

One reason he was tapped for the job, Wilson said, is because there are a lot of new and young faculty members and he has a reputation as a trainer and administrator.

Gov. Kenneth M. Curtis appointed Wilson to his first job with the state in 1973 — director of the Office of Civil Emergency Preparedness. He later headed the State Fuel Allocation Office, which became the Office of Energy Resources.

In 1975, Gov. James B. Longley appointed Wilson director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, which became the Community Services Division of the executive department. He held the job until his appointment to the mental health bureau by Gov. Joseph E. Brennan.

Hyde school, a \$2 million annual operation, closed its books in the black last year for the first time in seven years, McLean said. There will probably be a deficit this year. Enrollment is at 185, or 10 students short of what Hyde would like. That, said McLean, creates a cash flow problem, but the school is not in financial jeopardy.

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