

EISENHOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

The students, staff, and faculty have graciously welcomed me to EMS. There is a unique sense of pride and positive school culture upon entering the building. I want to thank all of the individuals who have helped me during this transition as your new principal at Eisenhower Middle School.

I began my teaching career at Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School. After teaching in Bridgewater for four years, my wife and I decided to move to NY City. While living in the city, I taught English at the High School for Environmental Studies. Three years later, after the birth of our first child, my wife and I moved back to the suburbs, and I helped open the Morris County School of Technology as the academy English teacher. I taught English for three years, and then moved into an administrative role as the Supervisor of Humanities, Visual and Performing Arts, Law & Public Safety, and Child-Related Careers. Four years later, I have now been given the opportunity to serve the Roxbury School District as your principal at Eisenhower.

My passion for education revolves around my belief that all students must be given an opportunity to succeed through accountability, choice, differentiation, and varied performance assessments. Educators are change agents in the lives of children, and one of the greatest roles of schools is to build relationships and connect with individuals while providing multiple learning opportunities for students.

Throughout my tenure in education, I have journeyed with students, staff and other stakeholders in magnet, career and technical, urban, and suburban environments. A formula that captures the lessons that I have learned on this sojourn is the following: administrators as educational leaders + teachers as shared decision makers + parents as instructional partners = student success. The aforementioned formula, however, is effective only if the students have a voice in their learning pathways. The leaders, decision makers, and partners must be consistent, positive role models who give each child opportunities to explore higher-order thinking, celebrate diversity, and embrace the digital canvas that is redefining education.

I look forward to meeting with you and it is an honor to serve the Roxbury District school community.

Always learning,

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Our echoes roll from soul to soul and grow forever and ever...
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