



GARY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the founding Principal of Gary Middle School. I am honored to lead this school and build a tradition of excellence in education! I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than twenty-two years and am committed to student's success and growth. I have worked with a variety of students' ranging in age from Kindergarten through High School. I am excited and eager to bring my expertise as an educational leader to Gary Middle School and work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success.

This year is going to be amazing! It is our commitment to you that we provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous and relevant. Our goal is to engage students intellectually while helping them build relationships by making real-world connections. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors-teachers, students and parents-are excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

Along with the teachers and staff, I will work hard to create a legacy of success by building strong relationships with parents, students and community partners. We will focus on the whole child with a special target on addressing social emotional learning needs, the use of data to drive instruction, and providing consistent implementation of the curriculum in a rigorous manner so that we can increase all students' achievement.

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities to Inspire *Pride and Excellence* by implementing the *Cougar Creed* of being *Responsible, Respectful and Safe* in all endeavors.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want . . . we need . . . and we value your involvement and



support in your child's education! Your active participation is key to the success of your child during his/her middle school years.

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Gary Middle School. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us at any time if/and when the need arises. We implore you to *stay in the know* about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.

Again, we welcome you to Gary Middle School and to our wonderful learning community . . . a place alive with much *energy* . . . *enthusiasm* . . . and a *high standard of excellence!* It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tanya Housing, Principal

We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education. The complete education gives one not only power of concentration, but worthy objectives upon which to concentrate.

-Martin Luther King Jr.