



Parents, Guardians, and Community,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Enrollment Season! Wow, we are ready to undertake another exciting school year and look forward to offering some fantastic opportunities that will address the needs of the whole child, our scholar.

I joined the East Academy Family in September 2019 as Regional Vice President and Superintendent. Now, I have added an additional role of Interim Principal. I am both elated and passionate about the future of East Academy; despite the challenges that we have experienced with COVID-19 these last few months, we are planning to do some new and exciting things for our scholars beginning this year.

First, we are linear focused on literacy. Literacy includes two essential components: reading and writing. If scholars cannot read with fluency and comprehend the text, they will have challenges in all content areas. We do not want this for our scholars; therefore, our staff is committed to ensuring that we provide all the support we can to improve scholars' ability to read and write proficiently. We have one of the best math programs in the country, Eureka Math, that provides the rigor to prepare scholars for daily life skills.

Second, we will offer extended after-school opportunities such as tutoring, FIT program, volleyball, basketball, and entrepreneurship. We will recognize scholars high-performance by inducting them into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). In addition, we will start to develop leadership skills that scholars need to navigate the next phases in life: high school and post-secondary tracks by implementing a Student Council. These leadership skills will be useful and transferable skills to tracks like entrepreneurship, military, or college pathways. Additionally, and new this year, we will continue our performing arts and introduce a World Language, Spanish, to scholars. Last, we will offer after-school support and well as Saturday School which will utilize Hip Hop Music and other strategies to engage and support scholar learning.

Third, our network is researching and investigating various instructional models that will best meet scholars' needs. We are taking into consideration, the guidelines from the Ohio Department of Education, Governor De Wine and legislative mandates, technology and Internet availability for our families, and the safety of our scholars and staff. In this regard, we are considering the pros and cons of various instructional models. For example, one model could be traditional instruction (mask-to-mask) model, a blended approach of some time on technology combined with traditional instruction, 100% virtual instruction at home, or some other scenario. We realize, like many other districts weighing next steps for the upcoming school year, that everyone's needs and preferences vary. Therefore, at some point soon, we will survey parents to take their preference into consideration as we finalize and communicate our plan soon.

Hopefully, you will consider joining our East Academy Family and register today by going to www.acaeast.com!

Warm regards,

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Dean of Academics