

July 30, 2009

Dear Roberto Clemente Middle School Community:

On July 28, 2009, I was appointed as the acting principal at Roberto W. Clemente Middle School. I am honored and excited to become part of the Roberto Clemente family. I look forward to collaborating with you to ensure that our students will thrive to achieve academic excellence.

Through my interactions with parents, staff and community members, I have recognized the high expectation that Dr. Shawn Joseph, former Roberto Clemente principal, has set forth to build a community of trust and form positive relationships. I am privileged to be following a principal that has set such high standards of school leadership for the Roberto Clemente staff and community. Our mission and vision state, through collaborative partnerships with staff and parents, we will eliminate the achievement gap, maximize student potential and teach students about the value of service.

Our instructional leadership team met this summer and began work on clearly defining student achievement goals for the 2009-2010 school year. I believe the goals will provide our children with a high quality of education in a positive school climate that promotes high academic expectations and personal success for all students.

As the school year approaches, I want to personally invite you to join me for an informal meet and greet that will be held at Roberto Clemente Middle School from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2009. This will be an opportunity for us to begin the process of building strong and meaningful school/community partnerships. Light refreshments will be provided.

Once again, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation in having the opportunity to join the Roberto Clemente community family. I look forward to meeting you and your children and working with our staff to ensure that every Clemente student reaches his/her full potential. Best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

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Acting Principal