

Greetings to the families and community of Booker T. Washington High School. I thank you so very much for all you have done for us in the first 2 ½ months of school. I welcome you to edition number six of the BTW Express newsletter.

As you continue to visit and revisit our school wide vision statement of . . . “Doing the right work . . . the right way . . . for the right win,” it is important for us to understand that doing the right work means we are focused on a goal or objective. Doing that work the right way means being accountable for what we plan to do. Finally, and most importantly, we are aware of the end. In education, we believe in beginning with the end in mind. We are intentional about our goals, objectives, and what we plan to achieve as we work hard – giving our very best in everything that we do. Life would allow us to receive some unforeseen benefits, and we appreciate all of those positive experiences. However, our hard work, dedication, and accountability is much sweeter when we are intentional about knowing where we are going to end.

Families, I encourage you to talk with your students about their plans after high school. Do they plan to go to college? Do they plan to enlist in one of the US military branches? Do they plan to work in a high demand, high paying field that will afford them the opportunity for more development and growth? At Booker T. Washington we believe in the three Es: Enrollment, Enlistment, Employment. We want every student to have a salient plan for their lives after graduation. It is the only thing that would make their school experience worthwhile. Personally, I want all of my students to walk across the stage, receive a diploma, and have a solid plan for the next chapter of their life.

Families, staff, community, and alumni . . . I would like to leave you with this quote from Dr. Benjamin E. Mayes, past president of my alma mater Morehouse College, in Atlanta, GA. It is not failure, but low aim that is unacceptable.” I do not want students to walk the halls of Booker T. Washington not aiming high. The entire village will work together to provide our students with a quality education. There will be some bumps in the road. We may have to backtrack and start again. But with each day, we will take more and more steps Toward the finish line!

Take good care and we look forward to serving you every day!

Yours,
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