

Greetings, Booker T. Washington High School Family:

It is with great excitement that I announce my appointment as principal of Booker T. Washington High School and join this extraordinary school community once again. It is an honor to lead and serve your school community as we strive for greater heights during the 2022 – 2023 school year.

I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than twenty-five years. Prior to becoming the principal at Booker T. Washington, I worked with students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a variety of roles. My educational experiences include serving as High School Social Studies Teacher, AVID Teacher, AVID Coordinator, Social Studies Lead Teacher, GED Instructor, Adjunct Professor, as well as High School Assistant Principal. I am thrilled to utilize my skills as an educational leader at Booker T. Washington High School and work with you as a partner in education to ensure our students' success. I view education as a life-long process and continue to learn every year from our students, teachers, and parents at Booker T. Washington. Most importantly, I believe that students are at the center of all school-related decisions. In the same way, the relationship between families and the school are vital to the success of your student. I encourage you to become involved in every way possible.

Over the past few days, I have gotten acquainted with teachers, staff, students, community members, and parents with conversations about the core beliefs and values that serve as the foundation of our school's history. My goal is to continue this legacy of excellence by being committed to exploring ways to meet the needs of all students, supporting the work of teachers and staff, and building sustainable relationships with parents and community members. The mantra #EveryBookerEveryday serves as the daily commitment our teachers, staff, and administrators will emphasize to ensure that your student maximizes his or her highest potential.

I look forward to celebrating our successes as we venture into the upcoming school year. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely, Dr. Diron T. Ford, Principal #EveryBookerEveryDay

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