

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear P.S. 136 Community,

Last week, Principal Quiles transitioned from the principalship at Q136. I extend our sincere gratitude to Principal Quiles for her dedication and service to the P.S. 136 community. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

After an extensive search, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Jamel Johnson as the Interim Acting Principal of PS 136. Mr. Johnson brings a wealth of experience, dedication, and a deep-rooted connection to our community that will greatly benefit students, staff, and families.

Born and raised in South Jamaica, Queens, Principal Johnson understands the unique strengths and needs of our community. His personal and professional journey is a testament to his commitment to education and empowerment within the very neighborhood that shaped him.

With over 18 years of experience in education, Principal Johnson has dedicated 13 years to serving as an Integrated Co-Teacher and Technology Teacher. For the past five years, he has excelled in the role of Assistant Principal in the district, demonstrating exceptional leadership, fostering collaborative environments, and implementing effective educational strategies that have positively impacted student learning and school culture.

Principal Johnson firmly believes that "it takes a village to raise a child." This philosophy will be the cornerstone of his leadership at PS 136, where he aims to cultivate strong partnerships between students, educators, parents, and community members. He is committed to creating an inclusive and supportive environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

As Interim Acting Principal, Mr. Johnson plans to continue the legacy of excellence at PS 136 by focusing on innovative teaching practices, enhancing technology integration, and promoting a collaborative school culture that values the contributions of all stakeholders. He is eager to engage with the PS 136 community, listen to your insights, and work together to support the success and well-being of our students.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Johnson to his new role and offering your full support as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Crystal Bonds, Superintendent