

Howard Elementary



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Dear Howard Families,

It is an absolute pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new principal at Howard. I have spent the past 15 years in the educational arena, 12 years working at the elementary level as a: classroom teacher, an interventionist, and a resource teacher/teacher leader. In addition to completing an administrative internship at both the elementary and middle school grades, I have served as an assistant principal at Lowrey School for the past three years. It will be hard to leave the students, teachers, staff, and parents at Lowrey because of the strong and positive relationships that we have developed that will last a lifetime! In each role that I have served, I have learned that building trust with ongoing consistent communication can lead to great success. My core philosophy centers around this learning. I will always have the interests of the students as my primary focus, and I will push them to grow and achieve goals that they did not think were even possible. I could not imagine a more enjoyable career; the ability to interact and be involved with students on a daily basis is both rejuvenating and rewarding!

I will work with the wonderful Howard staff to ensure that we continue to be a high-achieving school! I am proud to be a product of Dearborn Public Schools and proud to share that all three of my children currently attend Dearborn Public Schools as well. My undergraduate and graduate coursework from Wayne State University include certifications for Elementary K-5 instruction, K-8 Math and Science Major, ESL endorsement with an MA in Bilingual/Bicultural Education, and an Administrative Certificate K-12 with an MA in Educational and Instructional Leadership. Giving back to my community and making a difference in the lives of the students I serve is a lifelong personal and professional goal that I am devoted to. Additionally, I serve on the board of the directors for the Dearborn Education Foundation, co-chair the Assessment Committee, and serve as a member of the District's School Improvement Plan Committee. Being a stakeholder in a variety of capacities contributes to my full commitment to our district as a whole. I am highly dedicated to the growth and vitality of the Howard School community and look forward to growing with our school for many years to come!

Communication is critical to me so please do not hesitate to call, email, or personally speak to me when you see me. I welcome any and all contact with parents, students and members of our amazing community. As you know the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child..."

Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve you and your children; I am energized and excited to join the team! My official start date is March 23rd, but feel free to reach out before then, should you need anything. I look forward to meeting you in the coming days, weeks and years! Go Dragons!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mirvat Sabbagh".

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