

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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June 6, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Families and school community of John F. Kennedy High School,

I am excited to write and introduce myself as the new Principal of John F. Kennedy High School, beginning July 1, 2023. I am honored to join you as your proud principal and share in the great traditions of the school, with its deserving students and families. I will work very closely with Mr. Gregory Mullenholz, director of school support and well-being, to ensure a smooth and effective change in leadership for the school.

The upcoming school year will mark my 31st year in Montgomery County Public Schools. I began as an English teacher at Montgomery Blair High School, where I was the English resource teacher for 24 years. I served as an assistant principal at Northwest High School for two years; and most recently, I have been an assistant principal at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. In each of these positions, I have strived to represent every child with passion and a firm belief in their full potential; and I will use my vast experience to continue to uplift and promote excellence for every student at John F. Kennedy High School. My leadership style is one that is equitable and inclusive, collegial and collaborative, as I believe we do our best work when we are working together for the good of all.

I am the mother of two sons, both of whom are MCPS graduates. Though many things have changed since the years when they were high school students, what has not changed is the need for the belief in and high expectations for all students with whom we work. My sons had excellent teachers and educational leaders, and I will work to help ensure that students at Kennedy have similarly wonderful experiences in school. I believe in social justice and culturally responsive teaching as ways to engage students. Who we are matters; and who we are and what we do as a school community will change the course of students' lives. As I saw education open doors for my own children—and myself—so too is my great hope for the students and families in the Kennedy community.

I know that change is not easy, and the community may face some challenges as it bids farewell to Dr. Joe Rubens, Jr. As I transition into the role of principal, I will work to build trust and promote excellence for all. I will ensure that John F. Kennedy High School educates and builds future leaders who will one day become change agents for the greater community and on the world stage.

Sometime soon, I will host a Community Meet and Greet. Please look for a future communication with the date, time and other details for this event. I look forward to meeting you to begin our collaboration. The work we have to do will be challenging and critical. Please know that I am enthusiastically committed to serving the students at John F. Kennedy High School so that their promise and capabilities are fulfilled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vickie P. Adamson'.

Vickie P. Adamson
John F. Kennedy High School Principal
Effective July 1, 2023

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