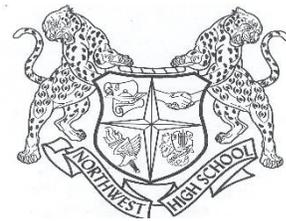


# Northwest High School

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*Office of the  
Principal*

June 10, 2021

Dear Northwest High School Students, Staff, and Parents/Guardians:

I want to begin by congratulating the members of the Class of 2021! We had an outstanding graduation ceremony yesterday, and I am incredibly proud of all of our graduating seniors. They persevered through innumerable challenges over the past 15 months, and I look forward to seeing their many accomplishments moving forward!

It is with mixed emotions I share that I will be leaving Northwest High School at the end of this month. Earlier this afternoon, the Montgomery County Board of Education appointed me as the chief of staff for Montgomery County Public Schools, effective July 1, 2021. While I will deeply miss our dynamic students, dedicated staff, and supportive parents/community, I am looking forward to working with the members of the Board of Education, the interim superintendent, the district's leadership, and various other stakeholders to collaboratively support students, staff, and families in the school system.

The Northwest Community has been a very special place for me over the past 14 years. I first came to Northwest High School in 2007 as an assistant school administrator and then served as an assistant principal and principal intern. In 2012 I moved to Kingsview Middle School, where I served as principal for four years, before returning to Northwest High School as principal for the past five years.

*To our amazing students:* I have truly enjoyed watching you grow into young adults ready to embark on new journeys in college and careers. Interacting with you in classes, in the hallways, and at extracurricular activities has been the highlight of each day I have worked at Northwest, and I have especially loved your contagious energy and enthusiasm.

*To our remarkable staff:* It has been inspiring to see the countless ways you have gone above and beyond to support our students both inside and outside the classroom, especially during this very challenging year. The work you do each day makes Northwest High School an incredible place for our students to learn, grow and thrive.

*To our wonderful parents and community:* I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for your support throughout the years. It has been a tremendous privilege to get to know so many families in this community, and your involvement in the life of our school has been essential to the success of our students.

In the near future, you will receive a letter from Ms. Nicole Sosik, director of learning, achievement and administration, explaining the process for selecting the next principal of Northwest High School. The input of students, parents/guardians, and staff is a critical part of the process and will help to ensure that our students continue to achieve high levels of success.

Respectfully,

*Jimmy D'Andrea*

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Principal

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