

Township of Union Public Schools

Franklin Elementary School

*Dr. Kira Baskerville-Williams,
Acting Principal*

August 17, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian;

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction, as the newly appointed acting principal for Franklin Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year. I have been in the field of education for 23 years and bring a wide array of experience in both general, alternative, and special education spanning grades K-12. I began the early part of my career working in the field of Alternative Education. Following my work in Alternative Education, I worked at Union High School in Union, N.J. for 10 years before transitioning to Newark Public Schools. I cultivated my leadership skills during my tenure working in Newark Public Schools, where I worked in the Office of Deputy Superintendent high school division as a special assistant providing training and oversight to school leadership teams, child study teams, and other key staff, while also supporting high school principals and vice principals in special education and instructional programs. I returned to Union in 2016 serving as a supervisor in the Department of Special Services and most recently as an administrator for Burnet Middle School, Hannah Caldwell and Franklin Elementary School.

Growing up in Union and attending Union Public Schools, I am especially passionate about ensuring that students are receiving the same quality of education that I received when I attended. I am elated to bring my skills as an educational leader and life-long learner to your son/daughter's school, working alongside you as a partner to ensure your child's success.

It is my greatest desire to equip our students with the necessary skills to become productive citizens who can compete globally.

Along with the leadership team, teachers, and staff, I will work diligently to continue the legacy of success established here at Franklin. Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a commitment to providing equity and access to the highest quality of education for all students, while ensuring that their social and emotional needs were met. I am honored and stand ready to serve you during my time at Franklin Elementary School.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at kbwilliams@twpunionschools.org

Educationally Yours,

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