



**NAVESINK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**Learning Today... Leading Tomorrow**

Dear Navesink Elementary School Community,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the newly appointed Principal of Navesink Elementary School. As a lifelong Middletown resident, I am aware of this learning community's tradition of excellence, as well as the positive climate that has supported students' academic and social development. I am excited to serve alongside stakeholders as we uphold this well-deserved legacy into the future.

I arrive to Navesink Elementary School as an experienced classroom educator, coach, and administrator, who has been committed to the realization of our district's goals for fourteen years. As a Social Studies teacher at High School South, I had the opportunity to facilitate student-centered experiences that featured reading, writing, critical thinking, and the application of essential 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. In my role as a varsity coach, I emphasized the importance of dedication to shared aspirations, and the benefits that result from being committed to individual, as well as collective improvement. During my time as an Assistant Principal of Bayshore Middle School and High School South, I was provided with platforms to collaboratively implement data-driven initiatives designed to encourage students' perpetual growth.

Additionally, I am a devoted lifelong learner who believes in the effectiveness of adhering to a growth mindset. Upon completion of an undergraduate program in History/Education at Loyola University Maryland, I pursued a Master's in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment through Walden University. Following this, I enrolled in Thomas Edison State College to fulfill the requirements of a second graduate degree in Educational Leadership. Currently, I am working toward the attainment of a doctorate with Walden University. These experiences have further fueled my passion for education, and I am eager to continually strengthen my understanding of instructional strategies that will bolster students' progress. I firmly believe that every learner has the capacity to excel, and look forward to igniting curiosities as we collectively nurture their advancement.

Our school community has demonstrated a devotion to character education, and I pledge to maintain an allegiance to this noble cause. The thoughtful infusion of lessons related to respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, citizenship, caring, and fairness, will prepare our next generation of leaders to make ethical decisions that promote societal enrichment. Furthermore, I am inspired by the purposeful integration of technology throughout our classrooms, and intend to serve as a resource for continuing the design of future ready environments.

Together, we will foster a familial atmosphere where all individuals feel welcomed, respected, and safe. Our exciting culture will include the celebration of small, as well as grand achievements, and we will instill a love of learning in our students.

Please know that I am available in person, over the telephone, or via email, and that I am always willing to embrace feedback. Input from the school community is essential as we work in partnership toward securing optimal educational conditions for our students.

Sincerely,

*Kevin G. Cullen*

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