

## William Howard Taft Elementary School

Dear Families,

I want to be the first to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at William Howard Taft Elementary school! I am both honored and excited to have been selected as your new building principal, and I am looking forward to building upon the tremendous growth and progress here at Taft Elementary.

My educational career began in 2009 in St. Louis Public School as a 2nd grade teacher. After spending several years teaching in St. Louis and obtaining a Master of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri--St. Louis, I moved back home to Cincinnati in 2012 and continued teaching. In 2016, I had the opportunity to join Cincinnati Public Schools teaching right here at Taft Elementary as a 4th grade Math and Science teacher! Then, during the 2018-2019 school year, I served as an Assistant Principal at Roberts Academy within Cincinnati Public Schools. Most recently, I am a proud graduate of Columbia University, having earned a Masters of Education in School Leadership and Organization in 2018.

As a former teacher at Taft Elementary, I have seen how hard staff works to provide all kids with the tools they need to be successful. I have seen the opportunities we have, as a STEM school, to be creative, and leverage resources to enhance the learning experience and quality of instruction. Finally, I know the academic growth outcomes that are possible for kids when we provide them with rigorous content and an environment conducive to learning. William Howard Taft holds a very special place in my heart, and I am thrilled at the opportunity to come back and continue being a part of a school community that I love.

As your building principal, I am committed to ensuring that William Howard Taft Elementary maintains a positive learning environment that prioritizes academic achievement through the support and development of highly effective teachers that focus on providing rigorous STEM instruction and opportunities for all students. I am also committed to maintaining a positive school culture where students are part of a close community where they feel physically, socially, and emotionally safe. Finally, I am committed to build strong collaborative relationships with students, staff, families and community members in order to optimize learning experiences for all of our students here at Taft Elementary.

I look forward to meeting you at some of our upcoming events--so mark your calendars! We will be having a **Meet the Principal night on August 8th**. Furthermore, we will have our **Open House/Meet the Teacher night on August 15**. More information on both of these events will be sent to you later this summer. You can reach out to me via email at [jasonda@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:jasonda@cpsboe.k12.oh.us) at any point this summer should you have any questions. I am sincerely looking forward to collaborating with you all, and thank you for your commitment and dedication to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jason