

Letter from the Principal

Greetings Pikesville Middle School Teacher and Staff:

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are having a relaxing and safe summer break. I am truly humbled and grateful for this opportunity to lead this incredible school community as your new principal. It is my honor and privilege to serve the Pikesville Middle School community and collaborate with you as we continue to uphold academic excellence through positive relationships and partnerships between school and the community. It is my mission to support every member of our school community by creating a school where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. A community where we lead by example, demonstrating strong work ethic, grit, and patience as we continue the journey to academic excellence.

I am a resident of Baltimore County and have two children who attend Baltimore County Public Schools. I hold a bachelor's degree from Frostburg State University and a master's degree from Goucher College. I have served as an educator for the past 17 years in Baltimore County. My previous experience includes two years in Harford County and three years as an adjunct professor at Towson University. My experience as an educator has also included serving as a middle school math teacher, math department chair, professional development teacher, and assistant principal. I have worked in educational settings that have afforded me the pleasure of working with diverse communities of students and families. Through my teaching and leadership experiences, I have developed a clear vision for education that is centered around accountability, communication, and community. Through each of these facets, it is my belief that the roots of student's success begins.

In an effort to fully understand the needs of Pikesville Middle School, I plan to spend the remainder of the summer meeting with students, staff, families, district leadership, feeder school principals, and community members. I will also work closely with our former principal, Dr. Miller, and will make every effort to engage the community as Pikesville Middle School continues to support our students on the path to academic excellence.

I am developing a comprehensive entry plan that will focus heavily on the work that we each must do in those key areas of accountability, communication, and community to ensure student success and a healthy school-community partnership. I am looking forward to what is to come for our students, and I am excited to have been selected to lead the next chapter of excellence here at Pikesville Middle School. I invite you to call, or email (nbridges@bcps.org) me to share your ideas for how we can all work together on this journey. Please look out for Meet-and-Greet dates for you to come and share ideas and meet me in person prior to the start of the school year. Again, I am looking forward to serving the Pikesville Middle School community and ensuring that our students receive the absolute best education possible. I hope that you continue to have an amazing summer break.

In partnership,

Nicole Bridges

Principal