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Dear W.T. Clarke High School Community,

It is with immense joy and pride that I formally introduce myself as the new principal of W.T. Clarke High School. As I begin the 21st year of my career in education, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve this remarkable community.

My journey began in 2006 where I spent 10 years as a high school classroom teacher, though passion for education was first ignited in the anatomy labs at Penn State University as an undergraduate student. Those years provided invaluable experience in delivering rigorous, empathetic, and culturally responsive instruction. They also reinforced my belief that strong relationships and high expectations are not competing priorities- they are the foundation of student success.

Recognizing the broader impact I could have on student achievement and school culture, I transitioned into administration as an Assistant Principal at Howard T. Herber Middle School in Malverne. There, I developed a deeper understanding of adolescent growth and the critical role that high-quality instruction plays in shaping students' trajectories before they reach high school. Three years ago, I returned to the high school level as Assistant Principal, knowing my passion has always been supporting students as they make pivotal decisions about college, careers, and their futures. To now continue that work as principal of W.T. Clarke High School is truly a dream realized.

W.T. Clarke High School is widely recognized as one of the finest high schools on Long Island. It's academic excellence, distinguished music and performing arts programs, and highly competitive athletic teams reflect a tradition of achievement and pride. What makes Clarke truly exceptional, however, is its people- the students, families, educators, and community members who care deeply about this school.

As principal, my leadership will be grounded in collaboration, respect, and a shared commitment to continuous growth. I believe that when educators are empowered, students are challenged and supported, and families are engaged as partners, schools thrive. Together, we will continue to

build a school environment that is welcoming, affirming, challenging, and joyful- a place where teachers are inspired to teach and students are motivated to learn.

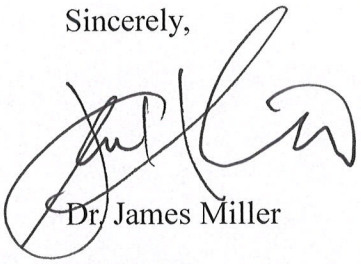
I am realistic about the challenges ahead. Evolving state assessments, curriculum adjustments across disciplines, and upcoming changes to graduation requirements will require thoughtful planning and collective problem-solving. I am confident, however, that the Clarke High School Community and the East Meadow School District possess resilience, expertise, and unity to meet any challenge head-on.

I look forward to learning from our dedicated faculty and staff, collaborating with my fellow administrators, and strengthening our partnership with parents and community members. Your trust matters deeply. Ensuring that every student reaches their fullest potential during their time at Clarke will guide every decision I make.

This work is not accomplished alone- it is achieved together. My door is, and will always remain, open. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, ideas, or concerns. I am excited for a positive, rigorous, and rewarding school year ahead.

Go Rams!

Sincerely,



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