July 31, 2020

Dear Hillcrest Students and Families,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new Principal of Hillcrest Elementary School. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such persevering students, an extremely dedicated staff, and a supportive school community. I feel very fortunate to be part of this school and to support the students and families. Due to COVID-19, I will be starting early in preparing for a successful start whether it be online or in person. I will follow-up with you on this matter once the district provides further guidance.

I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than sixteen years. I have worked with students ranging in age from Kindergarten through 12th grade in a variety of roles. My past experiences include assuming roles as a classroom teacher, a K-5 Title Resource teacher, and K-12 English Language Development Specialist, as well as a Middle School Assistant Principal. Most recently, I have served as one of the Assistant Principals at Riverside Middle School. I am thrilled to bring my skills as an educational leader to Hillcrest Elementary School and to work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success.

On a personal note, I have been a resident of Dearborn Heights for the past 10 years, married with two children. I am a native of Dearborn and attended K-12 school within the Dearborn Public School District. I then went on to complete my Bachelors Degree in Education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2005, a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Wayne State University in 2007, and an Educational Specialist Degree in ESL and Curriculum Instruction from Wayne State University in 2012.

I view education as a life-long process and expect that I will continue to learn much about the uniqueness of Hillcrest this year and in the years to come. Most importantly, I bring a belief that students are at the center of all school-related decisions. I am excited to unite my experience, my openness to learn, and my child-centered approach to support our students. Because the relationships between families and the school are vital to the success of our students, I encourage you to become involved in every way possible. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nassrine Saad
Principal
Hillcrest Elementary School