



## Letter from the New Principal

### WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

**Dear Inkster Preparatory Academy Students, Families, Teachers and Community,**

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new Principal of Inkster Preparatory Academy. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with high performing students, extremely dedicated staff and a supportive parent and school community. Along with teachers and staff, I will work hard to build upon the excellence of our young scholars. My official start date at Inkster Preparatory is August 23. Pamela Farris and staff have been working diligently for a strong school opening.

I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than twenty-five years. I have worked with students ranging in age from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a variety of roles. I have been a self-contained classroom and special education teacher, K-8 instructional coach, Assistant Principal and Principal across the Metropolitan Detroit area.

My initial goals are two-fold: a strong school culture and instructional leadership to move every student each day towards career and college readiness. We will focus on the skills our students need to be successful in school, on tests for careers and college, as well as the rapidly changing job market. I do believe authentic literacy and math logic are common skills that binds all of these together, as our students will be reading, writing, speaking, reasoning and solving problems every day in all of their classes. I believe these skills are necessary for every student to acquire in order to be successful in their future endeavors.

Successful schools have very regular communication, community and parent partnerships. An old African proverb states that "It takes a village." As my partner in learning thank you in advance for joining being a part of the village to move students towards excellence. We will get to know your student to ensure they develop the academic foundation skills and positive character in preparation for high school.

I value the feedback from our Parent Partner community and staff. Please feel free to contact me at the school, mobile phone by text, email at [ricardomartink12@gmail.com](mailto:ricardomartink12@gmail.com), or social media to discuss our school and our path to greatness.

I look forward to working with the Inkster Preparatory Academy teachers, staff and community to ensure that we have a safe and very productive 2021-2022 school year together.

Ricardo Martin, Ed.D. | Principal

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