



LORAIN CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation and able to find some time for relaxation and fun with family and friends. On behalf of the teachers and staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. My name is, Brandon Easton, and I have the privilege and the honor of being the principal of Helen Steiner Rice Elementary. I am entering my 14th year in education and my second year as the principal at Helen Steiner Rice.

During the 2018-2019 school year we will continue to build upon our good work, excellence in education, getting better everyday while we continue to build our legacy at HSR. Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. Through HSR University we are able to provide intervention and enrichment for all of our students that attend Helen Steiner Rice.

This year we will have a few new faces joining the Helen Steiner Rice Family Evan Palo will be the new Dean of Academics. Mr. Palo comes to Lorain with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Mr. Palo began his career with the Ashtabula County Educational Service Center. With the ESC, Mr. Palo developed instructional strategies to drive student growth. In his third year, Mr. Palo sought to diversify his experiences. Accepting a position in Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Palo was a part of a foundational teaching team to open the new school. Mr. Palo's efforts supported whole student growth, school development, and focused on collaboration. Mr. Palo later accepted the role of Title One Coordinator.

Brittany Brookbank will be the new Dean of Family and Scholar Engagement. Ms. Brookbank is currently serving as the assistant principal at Longfellow Middle School. She holds two teaching licenses, Pre-K to grade 3 early intervention, as well as a moderate/intensive intervention specialist license and have taught for 8 years. Additionally, in 2012, she received her master's degree in educational administration from Cleveland State University. Ms. Brookbank believes through consistent positive reinforcement and a structured setting every scholar can succeed.

We look forward to a very positive and productive school year. With that in mind we extend to you a yearlong open invitation to attend school events and activities whenever possible. Whether you are a classroom volunteer, a member of the PTO, special event participation, or member of one of our school communities, you are encouraged to be involved! Research on schools clearly demonstrates that parent participation in their child's school coincides with a greater likelihood of academic success for their child.

Please make sure to follow us on Facebook @Helen Steiner Rice Elementary and on twitter @LCSHSRice to receive all the latest updates for HSR. Also new this year you can receive text alerts from HSR by texting @helenst to 81010.

Go Titans,

Brandon R. Easton

