



Dear Samuel Mickle School Families,

It is with excitement and appreciation that I write to introduce myself as the incoming Principal of the Samuel Mickle School. In knowing the highly regarded education that is provided in the East Greenwich Township Public School District, I eagerly look forward to contributing as a member of the Samuel Mickle family.

To provide a brief background, I will be entering East Greenwich Township after being in the Franklin Township Public School District for over the past thirteen years. In Franklin Township, I had spent seven years as a teacher in grade 5 and grade 6 prior to transitioning into an administrative position in the district for the most recent seven years. Since 2014, I have served as the district's Supervisor of Instruction in which I have maintained responsibilities throughout each of Franklin Township's three schools in preschool through grade 6, provided professional development, served on school and district committees, and contributed to various district initiatives. Serving as both a teacher and district administrator in one district has provided the opportunity to further develop my strong understanding of quality learning environments, effective instruction, school and district processes, and effective school leadership capacities. Additionally, personal educational pursuits have led to attaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, a Master of Education degree in School Leadership, and a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership and Innovation. While professional and academic experiences have contributed to what I bring to Samuel Mickle School as an educator, I remain guided by the fundamental principles of ensuring quality academic experiences, a safe and engaging environment, and a culture of continual growth and development.

A core personal belief is that such learning and development begins, and is maintained, with positive relationships. I place tremendous value on the role that relationships and interactions play in strong school/community partnerships, an engaging and inclusive school environment, and the subsequent result on student learning and overall well-being. As Principal of the Samuel Mickle School, I intend for these relationships to be strengthened by being a constant and visible presence for your children. Communication and collaboration with you will further build and enhance a true school community that extends beyond the school walls. Collective efforts are necessary to maintain a school environment to be proud of and to provide your children with educational experiences that they deserve.

I am honored to serve as the next Principal of the Samuel Mickle School and sincerely look forward to all that lies ahead.

Dr. Richard Carr



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