



# Orange Township Public Schools

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Good Day Lincoln Avenue Families and Staff,

It is important that my office provides you with the most up to date information about the administrative changes at Lincoln Avenue School. On Tuesday, June 14, 2022, the Board of Education accepted my recommendation to promote Mr. Patrick Yearwood to Principal of Lincoln Elementary School for school year 2022-2023. Mr. Yearwood comes to the Principal position with nine years of Assistant Principal experience. The experience that Mr. Yearwood has garnered from classroom teacher to technology coordinator and within his role as Assistant Principal speaks volumes to what he can offer Lincoln Avenue School as the new principal.

In June of 2022, I conducted the principal interviews for the tenure track position of principal. With that being said, there was a panel for the first round consisting of two parents, two staff members, the Human Resources Executive Director, and the Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Systems. The second round consisted of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Innovation and Systems. The final round took place on Monday, June 13, 2022, where the two final candidates provided more insight on how they would lead Lincoln Avenue School through the academic and social emotional lens, discussion on their philosophy of education, and building of a sound climate and culture within the school's infrastructure. Both sessions were intense and allowed the candidates to provide examples and deliverables for the students and staff at Lincoln Avenue School to be developed and supported.

Join me in congratulating Mr. Yearwood on his appointment to the Principal position at Lincoln Avenue School. I ask that we continue to work alongside the new principal to ensure that all who enter Lincoln School are provided the necessary supports to be successful. To the first round panel, I would like to thank you for your insight and discussion about the direction of Lincoln Avenue School for the upcoming school year and beyond. Should you have any questions, please reach out to [reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us](mailto:reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us). In closing, thank you for your continued support of both Lincoln Avenue School and the Orange Public School District.

Educationally yours,

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