



**CHESAPEAKE MATH & IT ACADEMY SOUTH MS/HS**  
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Greetings,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new principal of Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South Middle/High School. To serve you all in the capacity is an honor and I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity. Before I start, I would like to sincerely thank CEO of Prince George's County Public Schools, Dr. Monica Goldson and CEO of Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation, Mr. Yilmaz Ak for trusting me to lead this exceptional school community. I have heard such great things about CMIT South's students, parents, educators, and community at-large and I am overjoyed to join the team.

Professionally, I have served as a middle and high school Mathematics Teacher, Instructional Coach, Supervisor, Secondary Mathematics on the district level, Adjunct Professor, Assistant Principal, and now Principal of CMIT. I have a B.S. in Mathematics Education from The Florida State University, a M.A. in Educational Leadership from North Carolina Central University, and a PhD in Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership from the University of Maryland, College Park. My dissertation, *Against All Odds: Access and Achievement of African American Adolescent Males in Advanced Secondary Mathematics*, sought to better understand how African American students interpret and frame their individual and collective thoughts, feelings, and experiences in academic arenas where their presence is scarce. The aim of my research was to create counter narratives against the myriad of negative images on African American adolescent males and their academic abilities.

My first goal is to ensure we have the appropriate staffing and resources needed to reopen safely and strong! I look forward to meeting with students, parents, and other community stakeholders face to face in the coming weeks. I have adopted a very simple but powerful philosophy, "Every Student, Every Day, in Every Way!" This puts student needs at the center of decision-making, ensuring that we are all meeting the individually unique needs of students. Visiting classrooms and coaching teachers is my favorite part of the job! Students can expect to see me in the halls and in classrooms and staff can expect conversation around teaching and learning on a regular basis.

I look forward to partnering with each of you as we continue the collaborative work of enabling all our students to achieve their maximum potential!

Educationally yours,

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