



Greeting S.T.E.A.M. Academy Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! As I begin my second year as Principal of STEAM Academy, I am energized and eager to work with your children and make a positive impact in their lives. I come to you with 20 years of experience as an educator, all in the Newark community, and know first hand how important educators are in shaping a child's future.

Following Marion P. Thomas Charter School mantra of "It takes a village", our theme at STEAM is "All of us are better than any one of us, as long as each of us gives the best in us". In order to give our students a holistic education, parents, teachers, staff and community members must work together and model what excellence looks like.

The STEAM Team will continue to work tirelessly to review the curriculum and plan lessons that ensure our scholars are exposed to relevant and grade level instruction. We will continue to work together to create a solid foundation for our scholars so that they can become self-directed learners, critical thinkers, collaborative classmates and responsible community members.

Please continue to visit our website to stay informed ([MPTCS.org](http://MPTCS.org)). Feel free to contact me via email or call to make an appointment to speak with me and discuss any ideas you may have to make this the best year possible for our students.

Sincerely,

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Erick Silvestre, Principal