

## **Welcome Back, Jefferson Family!**

### **A Message from Assistant Principal Renald Edwards**

Greetings Jefferson Community,

It is my absolute honor to serve as your Assistant Principal for the 2025–2026 school year! I am thrilled to welcome you all back to another incredible year at Jefferson School—where learning, collaboration, and community are at the heart of everything we do.

My mission as Assistant Principal is to support an inclusive, safe, and academically rigorous environment where every student can thrive. I truly believe that with hard work, dedication, and a strong sense of unity, anything is possible!

A little about me: I was born and raised in the vibrant city of New Orleans, Louisiana. I'm a proud husband and father to four amazing children. My educational journey began at Holy Names University, where I earned my Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts, followed by a Master of Education. I later earned my Administrative Credential from Sacramento State.

My career in education has been shaped by many roles—including tutor, instructional assistant, mental health counselor, and classroom teacher. As a teacher, I had the privilege of teaching advanced coursework such as AP and IB Literature. Each role has shaped my perspective and deepened my commitment to equity, excellence, and student growth.

I am excited about the year ahead at Jefferson! Academic excellence is our shared goal. We're here to unlock each student's full potential and prepare them for success in high school, college, and beyond. Through our IB PYP framework and middle school programming, we strive to develop globally minded students who are ready to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

Our curriculum is purposefully designed to prepare students for advanced pathways, including Pre-AP and AP courses at Natomas High School, and the IB Diploma or CECA programs at Inderkum High School. We support this academic vision through Restorative Justice practices and PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), fostering a culture of accountability, empathy, and student well-being.

This year is going to be amazing, and I welcome you to be an active part of the Jefferson community we're continuing to build together. I'll close with a few spirited lines from our school chant:

*I don't know what you been told  
Jefferson is an awesome school  
Where we work real hard to get good grades  
And learning is our goal each day.*

Let's make it a phenomenal year.  
**Be Safe. Be Kind. Be Productive.**

Warmly,  
**Renald Edwards**  
Assistant Principal  
Jefferson School

