



Wilkinsburg School District

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Every Child, Every Day, Matters!

Dear Turner Intermediate School Students, Families, Staff, and Wilkinsburg Community,

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I introduce myself as the new Principal of Turner Intermediate School. I am honored for the opportunity to join the Wilkinsburg School District and become part of a community that is committed to supporting students and helping every learner reach their full potential.

As an educator and school leader, I believe that strong schools are built on relationships. Students need to know they are valued, supported, and believed in. Families need to know they have a voice and a partner in their child's education. Staff members need to feel respected, supported, and empowered to provide the best possible learning experience for students.

I am excited to join the Wilkinsburg community and continue the important work already underway. Under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Jocelyn Artinger, the district has established a clear focus on improving teaching and learning, strengthening school culture and climate, building strong relationships with families and the community, and using data to support student growth. I look forward to partnering with students, staff, and families to help move this work forward at Turner Intermediate.

I bring more than 15 years of administrative experience to this role, including serving as an Assistant Principal and Acting Principal within Pittsburgh Public Schools, Principal of Logan Elementary School in East Allegheny School District, Interim Principal of Park Elementary School in the Steel Valley School District, and most recently, Principal of Steel Valley Middle School. Throughout each of these experiences, I have learned that effective leadership begins with listening, building trust, and working collaboratively with the people who make a school community special.

As I begin this journey at Turner Intermediate, my first priority will be getting to know our students, staff, families, and community partners. I want to learn your stories, celebrate your successes, and work together to create a school environment where students feel a strong sense of belonging and are challenged to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for welcoming me into the Wilkinsburg community. I am excited about the future of Turner Intermediate and look forward to the opportunity to serve our students and families.

With gratitude,

Cara McKenna
Principal
Turner Intermediate School