

Saddle Brook Family and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Washington School Community and the Saddle Brook School District. My name is Dr. Lauren Reisenauer and I feel very fortunate to have been selected as the next principal of Washington Elementary School and district Director of Special Services. Over the last few weeks, I have been spending a lot of time at Washington getting to know the building, the school's community, and the wonderful staff. A common theme that I continue to hear is that Washington Elementary has amazing parent and community support and involvement. I have learned that Washington is a place where strong connections are made between home and school and that it is also a place where all staff members are committed to helping your child Succeed Every Day! I value both of these characteristics and am excited to help continue moving Washington along the path of excellence.

I have been a New Jersey educator for 20 years and served in the following roles, special educator, vice principal, principal, Director of Special Services and Executive Director of Special Services & Youth Development. I have also taught and been an educational leader in six other states. I received my first masters from Texas A&M in Curriculum, Instruction & Diagnostics. My second masters was earned at Montclair State University in Educational Leadership. I completed my doctorates in 2015 at St. Peter's University in Educational Leadership.

I also has extensive experience in the area of special education and have taught in grades Kindergarten to post high school, serving the needs of multiple disabilities classifications. I have worked in the self-contained setting, inclusion setting, as a job coach and as a teacher consultant. I have also served as a college adjunct professor in the area of educational leadership, special education and reading disabilities.

On a personal note, I am the mother of three adult children. I enjoy reading, classical music, exercising and gardening. My educational philosophy is that all children can learn and should be life-long learners.

I have found that kids really appreciate a person who genuinely invests in them by listening, by learning alongside them and by being fair and consistent. In addition to building strong relationships with students, families and teachers it will be particularly important for me to make sure that you and your child feel safe and respected at our school. If you ever have a concern, please do not hesitate to call the main office or email me. I believe open communication is very important in a school and for this reason, I will always encourage you reach out to your child's teacher, to a member of the office staff or to me with any questions you may have. At Washington, we have many things to be proud of and I look forward to joining the TEAM. I look forward to meeting you and thank you in advance for welcoming me into the Washington Elementary School and Saddle Brook School district.

I look forward to a successful year!

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