



Poupard Elementary School
20655 Lennon Street
Harper Woods, Michigan 48225
Phone: 313-432-4803
Slogan: "Work Hard, Poupard"

7-24-17

Dear Poupard Families,

My name is Hussain Ali and I am ecstatic to introduce myself as the new principal of Poupard Elementary School. I am honored to have been selected to join the Grosse Pointe Public School System, which is known for its dedication to excellence, but more importantly, its commitment to serve its students. Over the past 6 years, I have worked as a teacher and administrator, but I consider my most important job to be that of a child advocate. I will spend a lot of time with your children, getting to know their personalities, learning styles and interests. I will celebrate their successes, small and large. I will encourage them every day and let them know they are valued and have a special place in our school community.

Not only am I excited to begin working with your children, but I look forward to the work we will do together. As the old African Proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child." I am excited to see your children through your eyes. I cannot wait to share with you the great things they do throughout their days here at Poupard through school-wide celebrations, our school website and the use of social media (snapchat, instagram and twitter) @Poupard_Dragons. And of course, I will be here to partner with you should your learner need any help navigating any aspect of the school day.

My goal is to ensure that all children are safe, happy and healthy, so they may learn as much as they can. This has been my philosophy since I began my teaching career. Prior to becoming Principal at Poupard, I taught kindergarten, first grade and fourth grade for Farmington and Birmingham Public Schools. I then moved to Chicago and worked for the Oak Park Elementary School District where I was a Student Support Specialist and Assistant Principal for two years and had the honor and privilege to support hundreds of diverse learners each day. I'm extremely grateful to have had these experiences because they have prepared me to lead Poupard as its next Principal.

I don't have words that could nearly express the excitement and joy I'm feeling. Serving as Poupard's next Principal is really a dream come true. Please know I will work tirelessly to ensure all your children have the best possible experiences while at Poupard Elementary. I will constantly strive for creating an environment where they are challenged academically, feel valued and a sense of belonging.

Once again, I am so thankful to have the opportunity to bring all that I have experienced and learned with me to your wonderful community. I look forward to getting to know you and your children. I will be working most days this summer to ensure for a smooth transition when school opens on September 5th. I'd love for you and your learner to stop by and say hello. Lastly, I will be hosting a Popsicles with the Principal event for students and families to meet me at Poupard on August 28th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,
Hussain Ali, Principal