



## International Academy of Saginaw

1944 Iowa Avenue  
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Dear IAS Family,

It is with great pride I am writing this letter as the newly appointed Principal at the International Academy of Saginaw. My passion has always been working with students and I am very excited about being back to the Area leading the International Academy of Saginaw to great things! As an educator I have 20 years of professional educational experiences as a Teacher, Administrator, and Coach. I graduated from Ferris State University with a B.A. in Biology education and a minor in Social Studies. I have a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, from Saginaw Valley State University. My educational career began at Saginaw Buena Vista in 2001-2011. During that time I taught, mentored, and coached many great young men and women. In 2011 my wife and I moved to Lexington Kentucky area, where I spent the last 9 years as both a Teacher and Administrator before moving back to the area.

This year International Academy of Saginaw will have a fresh new and much improved look, from the new principal to the 100% certified staff and curriculum we want your child's experience with us to be a success. Our philosophy this year is team work. IAS will be implementing a **Positive Behavior Intervention System** that helps develop and teach the positive social and emotional behaviors necessary to be successful. We will also be introducing a new and exciting curriculum that will challenge, inspire and grow your child to new levels. As your new principal, it is extremely important to me to foster positive relationships families and the community. I know Student safety and COVID are at the front of every parents mind during these difficult times. I want to assure every parent that we will be following all of the necessary and required COVID 19 guidelines to ensure your child's safety and offering virtual instruction options to parents. It is of our utmost concern that your child is receiving a quality education, whether it is in person or distant learning instruction.

I am looking to bring my high expectations, enthusiasm, and past experiences to lead IAS to great things. I look forward to working with the IAS community, parents, staff, and students this school year. Please feel free to email or call me with any questions or concerns. Don't forget to visit our new website for more information at:

<https://www.iasacademy.org>

Sincerely,

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