



# HOGAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

*A message from the Office of the Superintendent*

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Dear Hogan Family,

It is our priority to be a great educational choice for Kansas City families. We are constantly looking for opportunities to improve the educational experience for our students. Over the next couple of months, there will be transitions in facilities, curriculum, and staffing. We believe these shifts will enhance the educational experience for our families and students.

Hogan leadership has been engaged in negotiations to secure an elementary building for the 2019-2020 school year. The deal has been finalized and the Board will approve it in May. Our elementary students will attend school at the Mary L. Kelly Center building, 2803 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street Kansas City, MO. This location moves us back to the area where many of our students and families live and work. Over the next several weeks the building will be undergoing renovations to make it ready for the start of school. The other schools in the Hogan School District will be undergoing a facilities study to assist the Board of Directors in developing a long-range capital improvement plan. We are working towards improving all of our facilities to ensure our students have ideal learning environments.

Another area we intend to improve is the teaching and learning environment. The Hogan staff has been partnering with Insignia, an organization that helps schools improve student achievement. They are in the process of conducting a thorough needs assessment and helping with strategic planning related to curriculum and instruction revisions. They will provide us data on things Hogan does well and highlight ways we can improve. We will use this information to develop plans that help our students be more successful in school and life.

Finally, there will be staffing changes in our schools next year. Some of our Hogan personnel have decided to make some career transitions. We appreciate all they have done for our families and students, and we wish them the most success in their new endeavors.

We would like to take this opportunity to specifically introduce the new building principals joining the Hogan team next year. District office leaders have engaged in an intense recruitment and hiring process to secure these highly qualified leaders. The following individuals will be leading our schools next year:

**Mr. Eddie Wright, Principal, Hogan Preparatory Academy High School**

Mr. Eddie Wright has served in the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (KCKPS) for 15 years. He began as a math instructor and moved into an administrative role where he worked to raise student achievement, implement various initiatives, and help lead several committees and projects at the building level. For the past three years, he has worked out of the KCKPS central office helping coach all five high school leadership teams. He is excited to be a Ram and will be focused on raising student achievement and postsecondary success for all of our students.



**Ms. Annelise London, Principal, Hogan Preparatory Academy Middle School**



Ms. Annelise London has been an educator in the urban core in Kansas City, Missouri for 14 years. She has worked with students from kindergarten through high school as a math teacher, a behavior interventionist in an alternative middle and high school setting and as both a principal and executive director. Under Ms. London's leadership, Hope Leadership Academy Charter School recently moved its Academic Progress Rate (APR) score from 70.0% to 91.4%. Ms. London is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education at Baker University.

**Ms. Marcy Clay, Principal, Hogan Preparatory Academy Elementary School**

Mrs. Marcy Clay has worked in education for 45 years. She has served as a teacher in first, second, and fifth-grade classrooms as well as taught in a behavior disorder classroom at the elementary level and in a middle school learning disability classroom. Mrs. Clay has served as a principal in both Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri school districts. Most recently she was an executive director of instruction and the assistant superintendent for early childhood through fifth grade in the Kansas City Kansas School District. Mrs. Clay stated in her interview, "We are ALL leaders in a building. We help each other become that leader."



An opportunity to meet each of our new principals will be coming soon and we sincerely hope you can take time out of your busy schedules to come and meet your student's new school leader. We know change can sometimes be challenging but it also can be exciting. It can provide an opportunity for us to come together and achieve greater things for our students. We have highlighted a few of the shifts coming to Hogan over the next few months. And we will keep you updated on additional changes still to come.

The future is bright for the entire Hogan Family. Thank you for being a part of it.

*Dr. Tanya Shippy*

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