

Dear Arlington High School,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of introduction to you as the South House Assistant Principal at Arlington High School. I am honored to join such a vibrant school community, filled with high academic excellence, and strong school pride.

Throughout my 17 years in education, I have had the pleasure of wearing many hats. For the 2020-2021 school year, I served as the Assistant Principal at Vail Farm Elementary School. Prior to joining the Arlington community, I worked alongside students and families on the Newburgh Enlarged City School District's Social Emotional Learning Team and as a family coordinator in the Equity & Access Department. I also served as a coach to educators on implementing trauma informed practices and social-emotional learning skills in the classroom. I am currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Innovative Teaching and Learning from Northeastern University.

It would be an understatement to say that we are living in unprecedented times. I recognize the tremendous difficulties that we all experienced this past school year. As Robert Tew once eloquently stated: "The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow." As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, I am excited at the possibilities that this school year will bring as we welcome and transition our students back to school. I am committed in partnership with Principal Bryant, the students, families and staff to cultivate a safe and empowering environment that supports students in reaching their goals and exceeding their expectations.

As a scholar-centered educator, I always look forward to working collaboratively with all members of the school community. As we embark on the start of a new school year, I am excited about meeting the challenges that we currently face, as we forge ahead to a stronger tomorrow.

In collaboration,

Jessie Laguerre