



# HAMPDEN CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE WEST

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Dear HCSS-West Families,

It is with great honor and excitement that I introduce myself, Robyn Nelson, as the Director at HCSS West. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know each and every one of you. My passion for education and for supporting the success of all students has been shaped over the past 18 years, nine years at Hampden Charter School of Science, where I have been both a teacher and an administrator. The most important aspect of my job is advocating for students, getting to know their interests, and supporting them during these most important school years.

My passion is to enable the success of each student by providing the finest instruction and supports necessary for academic achievement. The priority of HCSS-West is to ensure that every student receives a college-preparatory focused education in a safe, academically challenging, and caring environment. Paired with academic success are our core values. Our students will be taught Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, and Excellence. These core values will be in play every day at HCSS-West. We will celebrate their successes, hold them to high standards, encourage them every day, and let them know they are valued at our school.

Most importantly, an excellent education is not possible without the great collaboration of students, parents, and staff. I firmly believe that every child can excel and that the partnership between home and school builds confidence in students to use their powers to shape their future; the future of our community, country, and even the world.

Please know that my door is always open to you. I heartily welcome your conversation and positive input throughout this year. Let us always keep our students the primary focus of our work. I look forward to celebrating our collective accomplishments during the 2018-2019 school year.

To our students, I cannot wait to meet you all. I hope that you are excited for this coming school year. It will be a year of "NEWS"...New building, New teachers, New friends, New experiences, New successes! Don't forget to pick up your computers at the annual Chromebook Kick Off, August 27, 28, or 29 from noon-6pm at HCSS-East located at 20 Johnson Road, Chicopee. There will be an online diagnostic test for all HCSS-West students to take by September 5<sup>th</sup>. The information for the test will be given out at the Chromebook Kick Off. The first day of school is September 10<sup>th</sup>. See you soon!

Sincerely,

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