Dear Klockner School Community,

Greetings, Klockner Elementary School families, It is an honor to introduce myself as your new Principal. I am excited and proud to join your family as the new instructional leader. I have worked with young people for over 18 years in various capacities. In every role I have held, I have had the pleasure of helping to improve the academic attainment of students and the educational experiences of families. I have served young people in Albany, NY, Philadelphia, Pa, Trenton, NJ, Newark, NJ, and now in my current home Hamilton, NJ, for the past six years.

In the past six years, the Hamilton community has graciously accepted me and allowed me to support students across the district. My commitment to students and the community has included working on programs, initiatives, and projects that have supported student learning and families' experiences at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. These experiences have given me diverse knowledge of the Hamilton Township community and allowed me to foster dynamic, collaborative relationships with members across the Greater Hamilton Community. These experiences have broadened my understanding of our students and families and contributed to my growth as an educator. I am proud to bring my diverse background, education, and knowledge to our community.

As a parent of five children and a mentor to countless others, I approach my role as a Principal with the same dogged determination that I approach my role as a parent. I want the same academic opportunities I want and expect for my children for each child. As the instructional leader, I will work with teachers and staff to implement research-based instructional approaches to produce high-achieving academic students.

To see this to fruition, I can not do it alone. I need all members of our school community involved in the ongoing efforts of our school. As parents and caregivers, I ask that you connect and partner with teachers, attend conferences and events, join the PTA, and enjoy the elementary school experience with your child. I will ask teachers to deepen relationships with students, adjust strategies, and foster a collaborative relationship with parents to ensure students maximize learning in a safe, welcoming environment while having "a super fun time." Together, we can build on the over 100 years of Klockner Elementary school's heritage.
I will be hosting events for you to get to know me, my family, teachers, staff, and other school community members in the upcoming months. These conversations will be fun, honest and allow our community to evaluate where we are and what our vision is for students academically and socially. The first of these conversations will be on June 13, 2022, from 3:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Together we will begin to outline each of our roles and how we continue to have the best school in Hamilton Township.

In closing, I believe each member of the Klockner Elementary family is valuable, meaningful, and special. Our differences and uniqueness all add to the "things" that make Klockner Elementary school one of the best places for kids to be. I want you to know that we are a family when your child is at Klockner. Go, Roos!!!!!

Educationally Yours,

Rashaan Monroe, Ed.D.
Principal