August 1, 2023

Greetings Stevenson’s stakeholders,

I am so **excited to introduce myself as the principa**l of one of the four United Way for Southeastern Michigan Community Schools, Stevenson Elementary School **and to welcome you and your son or daughter.** Over the past 28 years, I have worked in Elementary, K-8, High School and the district’s Post-Secondary Program but I consider my most important job to be that of a child advocate. **I will spend a lot of time with your children, getting to know their personalities, learning styles and interests.** I will celebrate their successes, small and large. I will encourage them every day and let them know they are valued and have a special place in our school community.

**Not only am I excited to begin working with your children, but I look forward to the work we will do together.** As the old African Proverb states, “It takes a village to raise a child.” I am excited to see your children through your eyes. I cannot wait to share with you the great things they do throughout their days here at Stevenson Elementary School. **My goal is to ensure that all children are healthy, happy and safe, so they may learn as much as they can.**

My greatest achievement comes not professionally, but personal, as I am the mother of two beautiful children: Dorian (21) and Destiny (18). **People often say I treat all children in my school as if they were my own**. Please know I will work tirelessly to ensure your children have the best possible experiences while at Stevenson Elementary School.

**In closing, when we ALL work together as a learning community and do things with our students' best interest as the focus, we will be a GREAT school!** If I can ever be of assistance, please call or email me! It is through being a collaborative learning community with consistent, honest, and open communication that I can best serve our students. Thanks for the opportunity to serve our GREAT community as **we welcome each of you to the 2023-2024 school year at Stevenson Elementary where students are learning with purpose and passion!**

Please plan to join us for a **“Back to School Town Hall Meeting and Ice Cream Social”** on Thursday, August 24, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Returning families please arrive at 1:30 pm. **We look forward to showcasing our new school based clinic, “Family Health Center” which will be open to the surrounding community in September 2023**. More information is forthcoming.

Again, I look forward to supporting and partnering with each of you. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact ([tonya.hickman@southfieldk12.org](mailto:tonya.hickman@southfieldk12.org)).

Educationally yours,

Tonya Hickman

Mrs. Tonya Hickman, Ed. S.

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