



Peekskill City School District
A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day

The Mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate students in a caring, inspiring environment characterized by a spirit of excellence and high expectations; prepare graduates to meet or exceed standards; graduate students who respect and appreciate cultural diversity; and prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community.

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Dear Peekskill Middle School Faculty:

Welcome to a new school year where we will continue to create opportunities to intellectually stimulate, challenge thinking and analysis, provide hands-on activities, enhance student literacy through instructional approaches, participate in professional development, engage in true collaboration, and positively impact and interact with the PKMS students.

"Do The Work as we Motivate, Educate, and Empower" is PKMS' theme of instruction, learning, parental support, and administrative leadership.

Our district and school goals focus on working to ensure grade-level literacy (in all subjects) and beyond for all students while preparing them to function optimally in college and their careers. This will be accomplished through active staff participation at grade-level and department professional learning communities, discussion on student performance data and strategies in which to increase and enhance learning and achievement, best practices examination, and the consistent support of our PBIS program so students are acknowledged for doing good work and we can resume our focus on instruction, learning, and achievement.

All teacher leaders will work to support instruction, aligned curriculum, and assessment. The work that resulted from the numerous training opportunities in which we participated last year will continue this school year with a finely-tuned focus.

We welcome our new students and staff to journey with us.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of our students and families. Naima, June, and I look forward to seeing you on **September 1st** as our journey begins anew.

Enjoy the remaining weeks and we will see you shortly.

Sincerely,

Jamal Lewis