

June 14, 2023

Dear Columbus Arts and Technology Academy Students and Families,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new principal of Columbus Arts and Technology Academy (CATA) and to join the Trailblazer family. The CATA community has demonstrated their commitment to success for our students and I look forward to continuing to grow in pursuit of excellence alongside you and your children. I can assure you that the CATA team will continue to put students first and work diligently to give all students what they need to achieve.

The 2023-2024 school year will mark my 12th year in education. I attended The Ohio State University where I received a masters degree in Early Childhood Education and Florida Atlantic University where I received my second masters degree in Educational Leadership K-12. Since graduating, I have served several communities in Fort Lauderdale, FL, Cleveland, OH and Columbus, OH. Throughout my career I have worked in public education as a teacher, leader, and director. I have always had a passion for teaching and learning and am eager to use my collective experiences to benefit the CATA community as your school leader.

In addition to my professional achievements, my greatest accomplishment is my family. My husband and I are parents to our wonderful 15-month-old son. As a parent, I know how much weight your choices carry when selecting a school for your children. I promise to work tirelessly to ensure your children have the best possible experiences at CATA and that these experiences develop your children to be life-long learners in whatever they choose to do.

In conversations with district and school-based staff over the past few weeks, I have come to understand the core beliefs and values of CATA. I plan to continue to work closely with school staff to learn even more about the school, community, and needs of our students and teachers. I am committed to embracing the positive practices that are already in place at CATA while working to strive towards future success.

I am excited to serve as your new principal and look forward to meeting our students, families, and community members. My door is always open, and I encourage your partnership and support in making CATA a great choice for students! I am eager to see all that we can accomplish together and look forward to celebrating our successes together throughout the school year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mackenzie Eikenberry".

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