



# Grimes School

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**Kenneth R. Hamilton, Ed. D.**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

Dear Grimes Parents/Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you as the new principal of Grimes School.

Education is even more valuable now than ever before. To give our students all the opportunities for success, we must encourage, motivate, and guide them to take advantage of all the opportunities our educational system affords them. We are in a critical moment in our history where we need to work collaboratively, set long-term and short-term goals, and focus on the things that lead to high academic achievement.

The culture of the school directly impacts academic achievement. All stakeholders must be committed to creating an environment conducive to learning. Students learn best when the climate and conditions are safe and encouraging. As a team, teachers, support staff, security, and the PTSA will put systems in place to make sure every child is safe.

The future of Grimes School is bright. We have a dedicated team of stakeholders ready to increase student achievement, positively impact culture, create globally minded students, and develop the future leaders of Mount Vernon.

Sincerely,

Severin Cornelius, Principal  
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