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Hello DAAS Families,

I am hippopotamus-happy and peacock-proud to be joining this phenomenal school district! My name is Mr. Chavis and I am the new Principal of Culture here at Detroit Academy of Arts and Science PreK-8. My background is very diverse, but I was born and raised in Detroit. I grew up on the Northwest side, and graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. My first career was as an engineer at Ford Motor Company. I later took a buyout from Ford and pursued a career in education.



I received my Masters of Arts in Teaching from Eastern Michigan University with a specialization in Mathematics and have been certified in Secondary Education for the last ten years.

I most recently served as the Director of Community Relations and a high school mathematics teacher at a district in Detroit, teaching Algebra 2 and Geometry for 10th and 11th Graders. I have also worked as a Behavior Specialist, Dean of Students, and School Leader throughout my career.

In the community, I currently serve as a senior pastor, football coach, and Detroit Police Chaplain. I have two incredible children, a daughter who is 22 years old, and a son who is 18 years old. Last, but certainly not least, I will be getting married November 1, 2023.

I cannot convey how excited I am to be working with the entire DAAS Staff, the scholars, and parents. I look forward to meeting each of you and supporting your scholars as we change the world one student at a time.

Regards,

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