

Dear Youngstown Community Families,

I am honored to work with Youngstown Community School as the Special Education Director. With a deep commitment to ensuring that every child has the support, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive, I look forward to partnering with our students, families, and staff to create a truly inclusive environment.

Throughout my career, I have been dedicated to empowering students with diverse abilities and fostering collaboration between educators, parents, and the community. I believe that every child's unique strengths and challenges deserve to be met with understanding, compassion, and high expectations. Together, we can ensure that all students have the tools and confidence to reach their full potential.

I am excited to bring my passion for special education and student advocacy to YCS and to work alongside our talented educators and caring families. Please know that my door is always open to answer questions, listen to concerns, or celebrate the successes of our students.

Thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful district. I look forward to a great year of learning, growth, and collaboration.

Warm regards,

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In District Monday and Tuesday

*The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a federal law that provides children and youth with disabilities a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE).*

*A child with a disability is a child having a cognitive disability (e.g. mental retardation), hearing impairment (including deafness), visual impairment (including blindness), a speech or language impairment, an emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, Autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, developmental delay, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities.*