



Mr. Reginald Mirthil, **Principal**

Kelly A. Gayle, **Vice Principal**

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Barack Obama Elementary school faculty and staff, welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. We are excited about working with you and the community to support our students' educational experience.

As a former student of the Asbury Park public school system, it is an honor to now work as one of the engineers creating the blueprint to your child's educational program. Barack Obama Elementary School or as it was known prior, the Bangs Avenue School, has always been a staple in the community. Some of the most talented athletes and greatest minds from the city were cultivated at this school.

Barack Obama students' success depends greatly on the involvement of parents. I urge you to monitor your child's progress by registering on the Genesis Parent Portal and volunteering for school committees through our parent liaison Ms. Raquel Mathis. Also, please schedule quarterly meetings with our building counselor Mr. John Venino to monitor your child's social development. With your support, we will meet our goal of increasing student performance on the state PARCC exam. We will achieve this through strategic staff training and a system of review and analysis of data throughout the academic year.

I look forward to working with you this year to provide another successful year for our students at Barack Obama Elementary School. Our staff is eager to work closely with you as partners in your children's educational and social development. Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, school counselor or building administration.

Educationally Yours,

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