



## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Academy of Social Justice

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Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the Interim Principal at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Academy of Social Justice. I am so proud to lead a school with such a rich history. I look forward to building upon the successes at King Academy and working with you to ensure King Academy reaches new heights.

Prior to my arrival at King Academy, I served in a multitude of roles, including--but not limited to--Resident Principal, Summer School Director, Grade Level Chairperson, Department Chairperson, Instructional Coach, Credit Recovery Director, and Teacher. While I truly love teaching children in the classroom, I wholeheartedly believe it is my calling to support, develop, and lead my staff as they nurture the learning of your children.

I envision King Academy being a school for your children to not only develop academically, but also socially and emotionally. I believe every King Academy student is destined for success; however, I know that this work cannot be done alone. I am ecstatic to lead this staff and faculty in providing love, safety, support, high expectations, and tremendous instruction for all of our children of King Academy. In addition, I look forward to working with you to ensure our children receive world-class learning and extracurricular opportunities.

I am hosting two Meet and Greet events over the next two weeks, and I would love for you to attend one or both of them. The first Meet and Greet is on Friday, August 5th, from 10am to 12pm. The second Meet and Greet is Wednesday, August 10th, from 5pm to 7pm. Both events will be at our school. Light refreshments will be served. Please remember to enter the building through Door #2.

If you have any questions, or if you would simply like to meet one-on-one, please feel free to call or email me to schedule a time. The school's number is 773-535-3875, and my email address is [JLThurmond@cps.edu](mailto:JLThurmond@cps.edu).

Sincerely,  
Jasmine L. Thurmond