



Greetings Denison Families!

My name is Jennifer Sullivan, and I am honored and humbled to introduce myself as your new principal at Denison School.

I am a Clevelander, born and raised on the West Side. My husband and I were married 14 years ago at my childhood church, St. Ignatius of Antioch, and our 12-year-old son, Charlie, will be starting 7th grade this year. My life's work has been in education, beginning as a middle and high school English teacher in Chicago, then returning to my hometown in 2014. I have 17 years of experience as an educator, 10 as a teacher, 7 as an administrator. This year begins my 5th in CMSD, and I am beyond thrilled and ready to join Denison and continue the amazing work you are doing!

Every school I have worked in has made great gains. My last school, Memorial, was with Denison as one of only 22 schools in the district to score a C or better on the state report card. Denison will continue to make great gains, too, I'm sure, because past report cards show the dedication this community has. I have seen the creativity in class projects and the pride beaming from scholars' faces on the Dragons' Instagram page, and I can't wait to see more. Thank you for investing in your children's education, because no one can ever take that away from them.

If you can't already tell, I am student-focused, data-driven, and positive. I'm about student progress and growth, and we're going to be the Best on the West Side! My core values are strongly rooted in lifelong learning, equity and inclusion for all scholars, and building critical thinking and problem-solving skills. I truly believe in trying new things, creating, and pushing ourselves just as we push our scholars. I know that you trust us to take your children every day and not just teach them, but love them, support them, respect them. As I said, I am a parent, and I have asked that everyone who works at Denison gives their all to the scholars of Denison, as they would want for their own children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. I promise I will do the same, and I am here to support everyone along the way.

It is my goal as principal to model high expectations, create a culture of respect, and make Denison the place where children love to be, the place that fills their hearts with joy, their brains with knowledge, and their spirits with FIRE! I can't wait to meet all of you at our Meet and Greet on Thursday, August 19, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. In the meantime, email or call with any questions, check out our revamped website at <https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/denison> and follow us on Instagram @denison_dragons.

The Denison Dragons are on FIRE in 2021-2022!

Yours in Education,

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