



COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

MARION-FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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Greetings Marion-Franklin High School Community!

My name is Lucas Cech and I am excited to greet you as the new principal. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and becoming a part of the Red Devil family. I have heard many great things about the rich tradition of Marion-Franklin and have already been welcomed by many people and introduced to the Southside Pride!

I have been in the Columbus City School district for 19 years and have experience working around the city. I began my teaching career as a mathematics teacher at West High School. After that, I was offered an opportunity in a district drop-out prevention program where I could utilize my passion for creating meaningful learning experiences that are relevant and rigorous for students to deeply engage. Next, I was fortunate to be involved with the creation of a district sponsored charter school called the Academic Acceleration Academy (that has now evolved to the Early College Academy.) I transitioned into administration during that experience and served in several schools around the district. I ended up back at West High School where I transitioned from an assistant to the head principal. We were able to collaborate on our focus on STEM and PBIS (Positive Behaviors Interventions and Support) to become state recognized in both areas. It took a team approach and a lot of hard work, but was definitely a rewarding experience.

I intend to learn and appreciate the Marion-Franklin Red Devil way this year. I will continue to bring my focus on meaningful instruction and creating a positive climate as we continue develop the high quality practices that are already occurring. I have a daughter of my own entering high school this year and it has opened a new lens for me to be highly reflective and critical of my role as principal. I know that safety is at the top of my list for my family and it is no different for my new Marion-Franklin family.

There will be a 30 minute Back-to-School meeting at 6:00 on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. We will cover safety protocols and discuss building policies and programs. There will be 30 minute senior and new student meetings at 6:30. Students will be able to pick up a copy of their schedule afterwards. The building will be open until 7:30 if new students would like to take a quick walk-through.

I look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Lucas Cech