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Greetings Parents and Families of Robert C. Dodson School:

My name is Isabel Hernandez and I'm extremely happy to join the staff of Dodson as the new Principal. I'm extremely passionate about education and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with a rigorous, engaging, and high-quality educational experience. Having the experience of raising 3 young adult children, I recognize the importance of a strong home-school connection. Parents are every child's first teacher and I believe that by working together, we can make sure your child's social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

Before joining the Dodson School learning community, I served in a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles over the past 32 years, both with the NYC Board of Education and Yonkers Public School. Some of the roles I have held include Classroom Teacher, Staff Developer, High School Assistant Principal, PreK-5 Assistant Principal, and PreK-8 Principal.

I believe that great schools are the results of great teachers, so my primary objective will be to ensure that every student is receiving high-quality instruction from every teacher. In order to do this, My Administrative Team and I will be providing teachers with feedback on their instruction, access to professional development, and reaching out to parents for support with academic and behavioral concerns to ensure our students are prepared for college and 21st century careers. The Administrative Team is as follows: PreK-2- Allison Lillo, Grades 3-5- Amilcar Poças, and Grades 6-8/ Karen DesSoye.

Additionally, in order to secure the safety of our entire learning community, please take note of the revised policies pertaining to arrival/dismissal and early pick up. Students are expected to enter the building no earlier than 7:15 am as there is no supervision available before that time. Grades K-8 parents will be allowed to enter the school after 8:00 when all students are situated in their respective classes. PreK parents, please adhere to the procedures noted in the Student Handbook. Parents picking up early, must provide a written note prior to pick up day and must pick up by 1:30 pm. Under no circumstance will parents be allowed to pick up any bus or walker students after 1:30 pm. We must assure that all students safely reach their buses and that walkers are dismissed in a timely fashion. Please remember parents that your child's safety is our priority and we thank you for your collaboration and support as we move forward as united learning community.

Lastly, I am looking forward to meeting all of you at our Open House this September. Please check your child's packets with important information that will be sent home on September 5th for K-8 and September 6th for Prek students.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your families in this role! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share.

Sincerely,

Isabel Hernandez

**"Inspiring our next generation of lifelong learners."
"Inspirando la próxima generación para el aprendizaje de toda una vida."**