

EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families of Irwin Students:

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself, and let you know about my background and beliefs. My name is Ron Lieberman and I will be the new principal of Irwin Elementary School beginning February 1, 2009. While I currently work as a supervisor in a Monmouth County school district, the majority of my professional experience has been in East Brunswick. During my tenure in the district, I served as a teacher, child study team member and supervisor. In addition, I am also a proud graduate of the East Brunswick Public Schools. As a result, I have experienced the quality education that the district provides for every student from many perspectives. Taking on the role of principal in a place where I consider home is an exciting opportunity.

Over the past month, I have visited Irwin several times, observing teachers during the day, and participating in some extracurricular activities such as the Winter Carnival and Winter Concert. In this short time, I have already begun to see the wonderful opportunities our students have in academics, athletics and the arts. Irwin has a strong history of excellence, being the first school in the district to earn a National Blue Ribbon. During my visits, I have been most impressed by the professional caliber of the staff and the work they are doing with your children. I look forward to collaborating with the staff to continue this tradition of excellence.

I also hold a strong belief that parents have to be partners in the educational process of children. While research clearly supports the vital role that parents play in the process, my first hand experience in working with families has solidified my view that educators cannot be successful without the support of parents. I plan to schedule some opportunities to meet with parents during my first couple of months in order to find out more information regarding what is working at Irwin as well as learning about ways where we can improve this partnership.

In closing, I look forward to developing a relationship with all of you and working together to meet the needs of our students. Please feel free to contact me at rlieberman@ebnet.org, or the school phone number, (732)613-6840.

Sincerely,

Ron Lieberman