



Greetings to the Leesville Road High School Community,

This is Ian Solomon, your newly appointed and excited Principal. I wanted to take an opportunity to briefly introduce myself to you as well as express my appreciation for the charge of leading what I believe is the gold standard of all high schools in the district and the state.

Since last Tuesday's announcement, I have met several students, staff, and parents in forums such as the Introductory Reception, Open House, Junior Varsity Basketball Games, and, most recently, the Wake County Cheerleading Championships on Saturday. These interactions have confirmed what I have known viewing from afar for more than two decades: that **excellence** is the expectation for all that is done at Leesville and it is a sentiment that I share and will continue.

Currently, I serve as Principal of the Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and prior to that I was honored to lead Durant Road Middle School. The value and emphasis on establishing positive, productive relationships throughout the school community has been the centerpiece of my leadership core. I believe and have witnessed firsthand that if you have a healthy school environment where stakeholders have a trust in each other excellence in the classroom, on the performance stages, and the athletic fields will take place. There is no reason for me to believe that this approach will not contribute to similar results here at Leesville.

My official start date is Monday, February 18. I would like to thank Dr. Tom Dixon for his steadying, consistent leadership that he has and will continue to provide through February 15. He has been and will continue to be a valuable resource as we work towards February 18. I am anxious to get started and thankful to be a part of the "Pride". I look forward to serving **each and every** one of you.

Respectfully,

Ian Solomon