

Welcome Video

Superintendent Thomas Anderson

Hello!

I'm Thomas Anderson, your new superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools.

I am thrilled to have been given this opportunity to serve the New Bedford students and the community. I sincerely appreciate so many of you who have reached out to welcome me. New Bedford is a city rich in tradition, made up of compassionate and hard-working people who I am very excited to work with.

A little about myself: I am a native to New England after growing up in East Hartford, CT where I completed most of my schooling before graduating from Phillips Academy in Andover. I attended the University of Rhode Island where I ran track for four years and then went on to earn my graduate degree from Howard University in Washington, DC.

As we get to know one another, you will see that I value every individual and that every voice is important as WE focus on enriching the education for ALL the children of New Bedford.

A quality education is the gateway to a positive future that can lead to personal economic mobility and can eliminate the "ceiling" that often limits possibilities. We must, together, equip our children with the interpersonal, critical and analytical thinking skills needed to successfully compete on a global scale.

As we continue to build upon the solid foundation that has been established here in New Bedford, we will move forward together while respecting and building on the growth and successes of the past.

Our main objective – to increase student achievement – will be accomplished in four ways:

- With High-Quality Instruction
- By Enhancing Student Support Systems
- By cultivating Team Excellence
- And with greater Community Engagement

Over the next several weeks and throughout the year, I look forward to meeting many of you. As I take this time to learn what we can do together to move forward, my responsibility is to make certain that every student, no matter current performance or ability is provided the environment, the opportunity, and the encouragement to learn.

I will collaborate to ensure that our teachers and staff are equipped with the resources to assist our students to compete in an increasingly global market and field of innovative entrepreneurship. With your support we will cultivate students who are inspired to learn in classrooms, motivated to perform on stages, confident to play on athletic fields, and poised to be upstanding citizens in our community.

Our schools are microcosms of the communities in which they exist. Your support of the New Bedford Public School system will lead to the success of all our students. Although there are increasing mandates, fewer resources, and a greater financial burden that has been shifted to local communities, we will respond by effectively assessing and utilizing our resources. We will continue building the capacity of our staff to rise to the challenges of even greater demands they may face in the future. I will count on parents and other members of the community to serve on advisory groups, lending your talents in helping us to move forward.

Please go to newbedfordschools.org to remain up-to-date on school events. We welcome and encourage everyone to attend and support our students in their academic awards ceremonies, fine arts performances and athletic events as well as visiting and volunteering in schools during the day. The district welcomes your suggestions as to how we can better serve our students' individual needs.

Thank you!