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Announcing new principal at Bridlemile, Jerome Townsend

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Dear Bridlemile Community,

I am pleased to announce that Jerome Townsend, a veteran educator with a diverse background, will be the new principal at Bridlemile.

Jerome succeeds Brad Pearson, who served as Bridlemile principal the last six years. We thank Brad for his dedication and service to students and wish him all the best.

Jerome comes to Bridlemile from Michigan, where he held a variety of roles in education. The last four years, he served as assistant principal and academic interventionist at Inkster Preparatory Academy, a public K-5 charter school in the Detroit area. He led the school's data driven instruction in setting rigorous expectations and goals, helping shift an underachieving school to one that was recognized as a "model school" by the International Center for Leadership in Education.

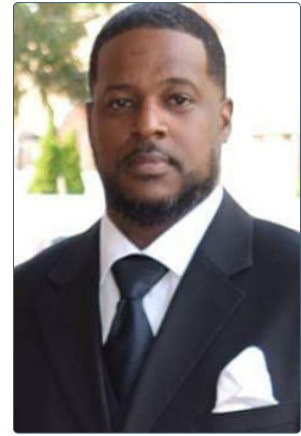
Before that, Jerome served as principal at Blanche Kelso Bruce Academy, a high-intensive work environment at a strict discipline academy with students outside the educational mainstream; and at the Academy of Lathrup Village/Leaders Preparatory Academy, a K-8 charter school.

Jerome started his career as a substitute teacher, and he served as a special education teacher for four years and was the band director at a Detroit high school. Throughout his career, he has served his community outside the classroom, teaching leadership classes at a local church, participating in outreach programs, and helping feed and clothe the homeless through local organizations.

Jerome earned a Bachelor of Arts in Early Child Growth and Development Education from Tennessee State University, and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Wayne State University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Townsend to Bridlemile.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.
Chief of Schools



Jerome Townsend

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