



Herman J. Russell West End Academy

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Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!

The West End Way Begins Now—Because We Are Built to Lead

Dear Russell Families,

It is my honor to introduce myself as the new Principal of Herman J. Russell West End Academy. I am excited to join this vibrant community and lead alongside an incredible team of educators, students, and families. While I'm new to Russell, I bring with me years of administrative experience and have proudly served in leadership roles at the elementary, middle, high school, and district levels.

At Russell, we are beginning a new chapter, one grounded in excellence, equity, and purpose. Our new school motto, "The West End Way: Built to Lead," reflects our deep commitment to preparing every student for success, academically, socially, and emotionally. We believe that all children can thrive when supported by high expectations, strong instruction, and a culture of accountability and care.

This year, we are focused on:

- Creating a school culture grounded in leadership, accountability, and respect
- Delivering rigorous, engaging instruction in every classroom
- Building strong relationships between students, staff, and families

You'll notice a renewed focus this year on communication, consistency, and community. As we move forward together, we're building on the foundation already in place while raising the bar to ensure every student thrives. Our team is ready to welcome your children with open arms and high expectations.

We know that our families are essential partners in the success of our students. Your voice matters. Your presence matters. And together, we can make sure that every Bulldog feels seen, supported, and empowered to lead.

I look forward to connecting with each of you. Let's make this our strongest year yet.

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With pride and partnership,
Dr. Chendra Dupree
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