

Dear Portsmouth Middle School Families,

My name is Jay Masterson and I am beyond excited to start as the new principal of Portsmouth Middle School and join the administrative team in the Portsmouth School Department who have been so supportive already in my transition. For those of you who I have not met yet, I have been a principal for the last eleven years as well as the chairperson for the safety committee in my former district. I am married to my wife Dawn, who is a fellow educator. I have two 17 year old son's named James and Robert.

My passion starts with ensuring that your children are the major focus in building the culture of our school. Our school has a strong reputation already and I believe that it is only going to get stronger! At Portsmouth Middle School, we will work together to establish a school culture that ensures your child's growth with the whole child in mind as stated in the Portsmouth School Department District Strategic Plan (academically and socially/emotionally). You will find that I believe in transparency in all aspects of the school operation so that there is a high level of trust established with all of our stakeholders (faculty, staff, families, and students). Finally, I believe in ongoing communication which includes returning phone calls/emails within 24 hours.

This summer, I will be working with our administrative team and our faculty/staff to review our school improvement goals to build plans to achieve these goals. For the next couple of weeks, we will be reviewing student performance data to begin building the master schedule. I will be sending out updates this summer periodically. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. My email is mastersonj@portsmouthschoolsri.org. Please enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,

Jay R. Masterson, Ed.D.
Principal