



SUMMIT ACADEMY

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Dear Families and Caregivers,

Welcome back! I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Summit Academy's new principal. For the past 20 years, I have been honored to serve students, families, and staff at the Summit Center in a variety of capacities. I have worked with many of you personally as partners in your child's education and am looking forward to reconnecting with you. For those of you I have not met, I look forward to getting to know you and your family this year.

Our leadership team is committed to establishing a consistent and meaningful working relationship between caregivers and educational teams to meet our school's vision of "Making Lives Better." Your child's education and quality of life are our priority. I will work hard to lead our school toward achieving the best possible outcomes for your children. Although there have been several changes to the Academy leadership team, we are confident that our focus and priorities remain intact.

Recently, you should have received a packet with helpful and important information as well as many forms to be completed and/or signed and returned. Please read the cover letter and let us know if you have any questions.

Open House will take place on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. We are tentatively planning for an in-person event with a virtual option. You will receive official notification in the coming weeks. We will make a final decision based on the transmission level for COVID as the date approaches. Our classroom teams and leadership staff hope you will join us for this important and informative event.

I will continue to communicate with you regularly through letters like these throughout the year. In addition, please know that I am available, along with each Unit Director, to answer your questions, discuss concerns and ideas, and share celebrations. If you need to get in touch with me for an urgent matter, please call me at (716) 629-3477 or email me at mbennett@thesummitcenter.org. I will respond to emails within 48 hours and sooner whenever possible. For most matters, Unit Directors should be your first point of contact and their information is located below.

Finally, I want to share my excitement for the new year. At Summit, we believe all children and young adults can learn new skills and increase their independence. Our educational and leadership teams are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth. Thank you in advance for your support and partnership as we take on the 2022-2023 school year!

Sincerely,

Mary Bennett

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Principal, Summit Academy

Unit Director and Phone #	Classrooms
Mary Belile, 716-629-3472	208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 225, plus Early Autism Program
Marina Oldin, 716-629-3429	200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215
Nicholas Rockwell, 716-629-3476	300, 301, 302, 302, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 315
Darlene Firkins, 716-810-7770	601, 603, 604, 715, 725, 726, 728, 729, 734, 735, 806, 810, 811