



**EQUITY &
EXCELLENCE
FOR ALL**

Instructional Focus (2023-2024)

When teachers plan daily lessons aligned to standards and learning objectives that reflect significant cognitive challenge and incorporate writing, multiple formative assessment practices supported by actionable, specific and timely feedback, students will demonstrate a deeper understanding in all subjects and make their thinking visible.

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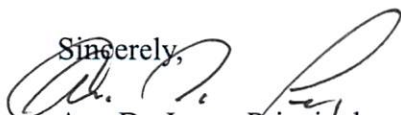
Dear QHSS Community,

I hope this message finds you filled with anticipation and excitement as we prepare to embark on another incredible school year at Queens High School for the Sciences at York. It is with great excitement and optimism that I extend a warm welcome back to all the members of the QHSS.

The start of a new school year is always a time of renewal as we reflect upon past achievements while also looking ahead to the exciting opportunities that lie on the horizon. This year, I am particularly thrilled as we focus on a shared commitment to quality academic programs and social and emotional learning for our students. As we move forward together, here are some key aspects of our vision for this school year:

1. **Rigorous Academic Expectations:** Ensuring that students have the best quality of education and are prepared for college and career
2. **Social and Emotional Learning:** As a community, we will work to ensure that students have a safe and supportive environment
3. **Culturally Relevant Pedagogy:** We will continue celebrating our students' diversity in and outside of the classrooms. By valuing and respecting their values and cultures of all our students, we can create a more inclusive environment.
4. **Communication:** Increase interaction between faculty and families. Effective communication is critical for student achievement. We will strive to maintain clear channels of communication between students, parents, guardians, teachers, and staff to ensure that everyone is well-informed and engaged in our shared educational journey.

Sincerely,



Ana De Jesus, Principal