

# Hampton School District 29

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Greetings, Hampton Hawks!

My name is Dr. Jake Klipsch and I am proud to serve as the new Superintendent/Principal of Hampton School District 29. I may have met you already as I was fortunate to be able to attend the Spring Carnival and visit the school before the end of the last year. During those visits I observed an extraordinary community with highly engaged families and wonderful students. I feel honored to call myself a Hampton Hawk. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and tell you about my journey to Hampton.

After moving around a bit when I was younger, I grew up in Davenport and went to college at the University of Iowa. I started my teaching career through a program called Teach For America. This is a program that places recent college graduates in under-resourced schools throughout the nation. My first teaching assignment through this program was as a 4th grade teacher on the southside of Chicago. During this time I continued my education and began my journey into administration. After a brief stint as the Dean of Students at a school district in Skokie, IL my wife and two young boys decided it was time to return to Davenport. It was difficult to leave our apartment in Wrigleyville (Go Cubs!), but we craved a life in the Quad Cities closer to extended family.

Returning to Davenport I became an administrator in the Davenport Schools where I was the principal at a variety of schools from preK-12. I love learning and returned to the University of Iowa where I earned my PhD in Educational Leadership. During this time my wife and I adopted our daughter from Ethiopia. In the past few years I began my journey into central office leadership where I was the Program Director of School Climate Transformation and most recently as the Instructional Leadership Director for Central Davenport. This is a position similar to that of an assistant superintendent in other districts.

My wife works at the Putnam Museum and Science Center in Davenport and we will celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary this December. Our three children, Oliver (18), Eli (15), and Sintayehu (12) keep us very busy.

I am excited to get to know your child and play a positive role in their education. I look forward to visiting them in their classrooms, assisting them in the lunchroom, playing with them at recess, and helping them to achieve to their full potential. The first day is August 3rd, but in the meantime, I hope you'll feel free to stop by my office and say hello.

Remember, our Backpack Night & Ice Cream Social is August 2nd from 4:00-6:00. I look forward to seeing you all then!

Sincerely,



Jake Klipsch

