

May 11, 2016

Dear Edison Community,

I am happy to announce the permanent appointment of Mrs. Samantha Varano, as the principal of the Thomas A. Edison K-8 School.

Mrs. Varano has been serving the children of Boston for over a decade (14 years). She first began her teaching career at the Edison after attending Wheelock College where she studied Elementary Education and the Humanities. Mrs. Varano began teaching at the Edison in 2002 as a 6th grade teacher, teaching Social Studies, Science and English Language Arts. While continuing to teach, Mrs. Varano became involved with the Boston Teacher Residency Program when it was a very new organization, serving as a mentor teacher and Site Director for three years. After 7 years in the classroom and earning her Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Massachusetts Boston, Mrs. Varano transitioned to the role of Assistant Principal in 2009 when the Edison was named a K-8 Pathways school.

Throughout the last 14 years Samantha Varano has worked in numerous leadership roles throughout the school. She has played a pivotal role in creating one cohesive middle grades team after the Edison's merger with two neighborhood elementary schools, which took the Edison from a student body of 350 to over 800 students within two months. In 2014 Samantha completed a year at Boston College in the Lynch Leadership Aspiring Principals Program. Mrs. Varano is most proud of her role as a parent and her deep understanding of the Edison's history and vision for the future. She is extremely excited to help the Edison enter a new phase of its evolution. One that is rooted in high quality rigorous and inclusive instructional practices coupled with a sense of belonging.

I want to personally recognize Mrs. Varano for her tireless efforts, her passionate commitment to students, and her hard work with educators and staff alike to ensure Edison is a place where students and families feel welcomed, supported and appreciated.

This is an exciting time for your school community. Please know that you have the support of the school district behind you in these efforts, as we all work together to ensure educational success for all of our students.

Sincerely,



Tommy Chang, Ed.D.
Superintendent

