

# Tewksbury Memorial High School



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Dear Tewksbury Memorial High School students, parents and caregivers:

I hope you have enjoyed the recent beautiful weather and the long holiday weekend. I am writing to introduce myself as the new principal of Tewksbury Memorial High School.

First, I would like to thank Mr. Jon Bernard for his service to TMHS as interim principal for the past two years. While he is set to enjoy retirement again, he has graciously agreed to serve as a mentor to me during this transition year. Thanks also goes out to all the students, parents, educators, and support staff for demonstrating patience and resilience during these past two-plus years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your willingness to adapt throughout this ever-changing time has been commendable. I hope we can reflect on what we went through, appreciate where we are, and look forward to even brighter days ahead.

As most of you are aware, I have been the assistant principal at the John W. Wynn Middle School here in Tewksbury for the past ten years. I began my career in education as a high school teacher in Chicago, my hometown, in 1991 before moving out to the Boston area in 1995. I was a middle school teacher in Newton, MA for eleven years, then worked in Andover for six years, the last two as an administrator, before being hired at the Wynn. I am excited to join the Tewksbury Memorial High School community and I am hopeful that my experience as an educator and administrator will benefit the Tewksbury Memorial High School community since I already know many of the students, families and staff.

As I begin my journey as principal, I am committed to making sure that this school year will be the very best that it can be by working together, openly communicating with you, and doing what's best for all of our students. While I have never met anyone who wishes they could relive their middle school days, high school is an altogether different experience. The four years here at TMHS can be transformative. I am looking forward to reconnecting with former students and helping them achieve their goals both inside and outside of the classroom.

Thank you for your time and I send my best wishes to you for a safe and healthy remainder of the summer. Please know that you can expect to receive additional communication from Tewksbury Memorial High School leading up to the start of the new school year.

Warm regards,

*Andrew J. Long*

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