

In 1965, this high school was built for a community of people accustomed to academic, athletic, and social accomplishments. As an alumnus and principal, I entreat each of you, especially those of you who will be new to Raines, to join us as we continue in this culture of rich traditions and excellence. Raines students are inspired each day to become leaders of their learning. Each student's leadership will be cultivated academically, athletically, and in the arts. Although Raines will continue to be a neighborhood school, it will become a school of the performing arts. Our students will be able to select an area of interest varying from 2D and 3D Art, Photography, Pottery, Theatre, Musical Theatre, Technical Theatre, Vocal and instrumental Music, Creative Writing, Army JROTC, Digital Media, Web Technology, and Culinary Arts programs.

As the instructional and organizational leader of this fine institution, it is important I continue to make certain each student learns in a safe environment and is afforded equal access to a rigorous curriculum. I will support students' individualism in extracurricular activities and organizations. I will be available to those who might have suggestions, constructive criticisms, and community connections to make **US** better. I am a Viking and I am indebted to provide the best opportunities for our students. Each day my students will be challenged to expect the best from his teachers, do his best on all assignments and tests, and be his best, as they are the **PRIDE** of Raines. Rally behind us as we educate, certificate, and graduate your student. Our students deserve the best from each of us every day.