

Dear Oakland Elementary Families and Stakeholders,

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal of Oakland Elementary School for the 2025–2026 school year.

I am not new to Suffolk Public Schools—I have proudly served as the Assistant Principal at Kings Fork High School for the past four years. During that time, I had the privilege of working with incredible students, families, and staff from across our community, including many who began their educational journey right here at Oakland. Now, I am thrilled to return to my roots in elementary education and support the early learning experiences that form the foundation for long-term success.

This upcoming school year, I look forward to working closely with our students, staff, and families to ensure a safe, nurturing, and academically enriching environment for every child. Whether we've worked together before or are meeting for the first time, I am eager to build strong relationships and foster a collaborative spirit throughout our school community.

Thank you for the warm welcome—I'm honored to be a part of the Oakland Braves family. I can't wait to see all the familiar and new faces as we soar together into a fantastic year of learning and growth!

Warm regards,

Melissa Zawodny

Assistant Principal

Oakland Elementary School