



Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School

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Greetings Dr. J. M. Denison Secondary School Community,

I would like to say hello to the Dr. Denison school community where I will be coming in as the new Principal effective February 5, 2024. As you know, Alex Corry will be retiring.

I want to take this opportunity for a quick introduction. I am currently a Vice-Principal at Alexander Mackenzie High School in Richmond Hill. Prior to this, I held Vice-Principal positions at Bayview Secondary School and Middlefield Collegiate Institute.

In addition to my teacher qualifications, I hold a master's degree in applied linguistics where my master's work focused on language acquisition.

As a child, I grew up competing in the sport of judo. My love of sports continued into high school and university where I competed as a wrestler. I eventually went on to coach wrestling at York University for four years. Currently, I am involved in the sport of jiu-jitsu.

For myself, it is a time of much (positive) change, as I am expecting my first child in early February (I will be taking a short paternity leave at some point in February).

Finally, my educational philosophy centers around ensuring student safety and inclusion within the school building. I also believe in providing each student opportunities to reach their full potential and self-actualize at Dr. Denison Secondary School.

I look forward to meeting and working with the students, staff and parents/guardians of this wonderful school community.

Sincerely,

Seiji Ishiguro