

Williams-Cone School

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Dear Williams-Cone Families,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. It is a privilege to be joining the Williams-Cone community as the new principal. I've been meeting with staff all summer long and it is clear that the school culture here is safe, caring, inviting, and committed to high expectations for all learners. I fully intend to carry on these practices and to continue the many fine traditions in place at our school.

Let me take this opportunity to tell you a bit about my professional and personal life. I grew up in Winthrop, Maine and graduated from Boston College in 1987. Since then, I've spent the last twenty-two years as a teacher in public school classrooms from grades 3 – 12, working full-time for a year as an Outward Bound instructor, and most recently serving as the Gifted and Talented Coordinator for MSAD 75. Concurrently I completed a Master's in Education and am also working on a Master's in Public Policy.

I live in Bowdoinham with my wife, Deb. We're blessed with two six-year-olds, Joseph and Camila, who will be entering first grade at Bowdoinham Community School this fall.

Please be sure to stop by and say 'hi' when you get a chance. I pride myself on an 'open door' policy and firmly believe that success for all our students is predicated on a strong foundation of communication and reciprocal support between families and schools.

The Friends of Williams-Cone have graciously agreed to include a 'Meet the Principal' component at this fall's Open House (tentatively scheduled for the 14th) and I look forward to personally meeting many of you then.

I can't wait to begin working with you and your children – today's simply the beginning of what promises to be a fantastic year of learning.

Sincerely,

Steve Ciembroniewicz



