Dear Manual Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! It is my honor to continue to serve you as the Principal of Manual High School! These first two years, even amidst a pandemic, have been absolutely phenomenal as we have continued on our quest of redefining teaching and learning. I am looking forward to continuing to build relationships with you. I am blessed to be serving alongside two other amazing administrators, Mary Jo Newman-Evans who is returning, and Darrell Jackson who is joining us from Lincoln K-8 School. The three of us are already working diligently to continue Manual’s long tradition of providing quality educational experiences for all of our students. Manual High School educators are committed to ensuring our school is a vital part of the South Side community. We are equipped and eager to build upon the foundation that has been set. The legacy that has been left by countless distinguished alumni has paved the way for our students to excel. We are the Heart of the South Side!

Manual High School is fortunate to have an amazing, dedicated staff who gives 100% to our students. Our teachers and staff go above and beyond to meet the individual needs of each student. As a school, our mission is to redefine teaching and learning to ensure each student reaches his or her potential. We are committed to taking on new mindsets to continue to meet the ever-evolving needs of our students. We are equipped to take a proactive posture in preparation to meet our students where they are and propel them toward their destiny. Our focus this year will be geared toward helping students determine their passion and purpose in life and putting them on the pathway to achieving their dreams. Our students will work on developing the skills essential for success in whichever path they choose; be it higher education, the military, or the workforce.

We take pride in our tradition of building positive relationships within our Manual community. For our students to receive the best educational opportunities possible, our staff, families and the community must work as a team. Do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Open dialogue is very important as we work as a team with a common goal in mind: student success! Parents are also encouraged to get involved at Manual. Our PTO is working to involve parents in opportunities for social interactions each month and fund-raising to help augment the financial needs within our school. A coalition of community supporters is being developed. More information about meeting times and ways to be a support are forthcoming.

It is Great to be a RAM!

Please mark your calendar with these important dates

- **August 12th** – 9th Grade Back to School Kick Off – 1 - 3 PM. Come join us for a light snack while taking care of “High School Business” – registration, ID pictures, fees, and other school related business. Students can receive schedules, find their lockers, and classrooms to be prepared for the first day!

- **August 19th - First Day of School.** This is a full day of school. Breakfast will be served from 7:10 to 7:25 AM. Classes start promptly at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Devon Hawks
Principal, Manual High School
“The Heart of the South Side”