



Queens Distinguished Principal

Theresa Mshar

Junior High School 185

Theresa Mshar has dedicated over twenty-nine years to the students of New York City public schools. Since 2012, Theresa has served as the principal of Edward Bleeker JHS 185 in Flushing, Queens. As a parent, a teacher, and an administrator, Theresa believes that every student can be successful, and she has strived to have her school achieve its vision of Success for All. Through her work as a Cahn Fellows Scholar, Theresa emphasized continuous improvement which has led to a growth mindset at Bleeker JHS. The entire school community works together to ensure maximum academic achievement and support every student's social and emotional growth. As Theresa strongly believes in Blankstein's philosophy that the answer is in the room, she is committed to on-site, job-embedded professional development that leverages the strengths and passions of all teachers. Under Theresa's leadership, Bleeker JHS has achieved the distinction of being a NY State Recognition School. Theresa credits the stewardship, comradery, and culture of learning in District 25 for her success and continued professional growth.