

Jumoke Academy enters the new academic school year with wide eyes and a clear vision of the future

Jumoke Academy opens its doors for the new school year on August 25th, and as the doors open, scholars, parents, and community, all have a chance to welcome some great new leaders on the leadership team, as well as some exciting developments for improving the Academy's curriculum.

On the heels of a successful summer program, put on in partnership with the Hartford Conservatory, Jumoke Academy begins the new school year with some new faces that are focused on delivering the best education possible to Hartford area children. One of the new faces in a key leadership role is Ms. Felicia Fountain who joins the Academy as the brand new Academic Director, and has worked through the summer to improve the Jumoke Academy curriculum. Ms. Fountain, hired by Dr. Troy A. Monroe after his appointment as permanent Executive Director this May, comes as a veteran in the industry, just finishing 11 years with CREC, most recently at the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering. Ms. Fountain worked in a number of capacities within education between Manchester, Hartford, and Bloomfield school districts, leading up to her appointment as Academic Director at Jumoke Academy Charter School. When asked about her goals for the coming academic year at Jumoke, Ms. Fountain says "My goals are to get to know the Jumoke family of scholars, parents and staff. I'm also committed to the improvement of student learning and achievement which includes work on our curriculum. This year I also hope to increase student and staff opportunities for more community and school partnerships. Quite simply, I want to support the legacy started by Ms. Thelma Ellis Dickerson." Ms. Fountain, a Hartford native, says she is "excited to be able to give back to this community".

The Jumoke Academy board of directors continues its meetings this year on the same schedule as 2014-2015 year, with monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm at 852 Asylum Ave in Hartford. The board, led by Board Chair, Mr. James Michel, encourages interested parents and community members to attend meetings, as they are open to the public. Meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the Jumoke Academy website (jumokeacademy.org) and community members are encouraged to check out past meeting minutes to keep up with the status of the Academy.

This much is clear for the 2015-2016 academic year, the focus of the entire Jumoke Academy Leadership remains the same as it has always been since 1997- providing the best possible education for the children of the Hartford Area and preparing them to compete in today's modern society. To help in in this effort, the Academy will be implementing a new math and guided reading program for its scholars. As a result, it is expected that the implementation of these instructional initiatives will result in scholars being better prepared toward college and career readiness. For more

information on what the Jumoke Academy campuses have to offer for grades prek-8, please visit our website jumokeacademy.org.