



Mr. Brian Ferra has served as the principal at Charles A. Huston Middle School since the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Ferra joined the Burrell School District administrative team in 2008 where he served as the assistant principal at Charles A. Huston Middle School. Prior to joining the Burrell School District, Mr. Ferra taught Math and Science at Highlands Middle School in the Highlands School District.

Mr. Ferra earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Gannon University and a Master of Education in Elementary and Middle Level Math and Principal Certification from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He holds Pennsylvania certifications in the areas of Elementary Education K-8, Middle Level Math 7-9 and Principal K-12. Mr. Ferra is currently pursuing an Educational Doctorate degree in Administration and Leadership Studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ferra and his family currently reside in Lower Burrell. His three children all attend schools within the Burrell School District.

“People often ask me if it is difficult to live and work in the same community. My response is always the same: I have a vested interest in our school system and want the best educational opportunities not only for my own children, but for the other 1800 students here at Burrell” said Ferra. “I am privileged to work in a district where the focus is on the growth of the whole child. We often get too focused on standardized test scores, and although standardized testing has its importance in public education, teaching students to think outside the box in order to become problem solvers should be our ultimate goal.”