Teresa McGaney-Guy is the principal of North Main Street School (NMSS) and has held various positions within the district. From the inception of her career in education, her passion and previous positions held in the educational field has steadily advanced and prepared her for her current position. Serving as a teacher for several years, Teresa was also a summer enrichment supervisor, reading facilitator, assistant principal and interim director of special projects.

In 2001, she was awarded the Teacher of the year at Leeds Avenue School; selected by Phi Delta Kappa for the Educational Excellence Award in 2015; and selected by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. in 2016 for the Professional Achievement Award.

In addition to her individual awards, Teresa and her staff at the NMSS School has received the Apple ConnectED grant, Lowes Playground grant, T-Mobile grant and the Model Classroom Grant. The Model Classroom Grant has created an opportunity to partner with Stockton University to improve literacy.

Under her leadership, NMSS was featured in two episodes of NJ Classroom Close Up, whereas the “Change is Here” episode was nominated for an Emmy, while The Peace Zone at NMSS was featured in the NJEA Review.

Her educational experiences have afforded her the opportunity to collaborate with a diverse group of people to meet the common goal of increasing student achievement and well-being. Her educational philosophy is based on her uncompromising belief that given a positive learning environment, strong and knowledgeable leadership, a committed and focused educational team, an encouraging community, and a supportive family, ALL STUDENTS CAN LEARN.