



Dear Families,

As we look ahead to the 2026–27 school year, I want to share some leadership updates across our district. These decisions were made with great care and reflection, and we are incredibly grateful for the valuable input you shared throughout this process. While change is never easy, the relationships that have been built are permanent.

On Tuesday, we met with each of our building administrators to align our vision and lay the groundwork for a successful year ahead. We will meet collectively as a District Administrative Team the week of June 22nd, as we look forward to September. Our collective focus remains firmly rooted in three core priorities:

- **Advancing Student Achievement**
- **Supporting Student and Staff Wellness**
- **Executing Vital Facility Infrastructure Improvements**

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our professional associations, ASCA and SOMEA, for their collaborative partnership throughout this transition process. Working together, we have ensured that our schools are positioned for strong, supportive leadership.

As we prepare for the year ahead, we remain committed to transparency, open communication, and meaningful engagement with our school community. We recognize that changes in leadership naturally bring questions and opportunities for dialogue, and we are dedicated to keeping families informed throughout this process. These administrative alignments have been made thoughtfully and collaboratively, with a clear focus on supporting our students, strengthening our schools, and advancing the district's strategic priorities. We value the trust our families place in us and look forward to continuing our partnership as we build on the successes of our district together.

Please join me in welcoming and celebrating the following administrative alignments for the 2026-27 school year:

Elementary Schools

- **Delia Bolden Elementary School**
 - **Principal:** Kim Hutchison
 - **Assistant Principal:** Michael Calissi
- **Marshall Elementary School**
 - **Principal:** Laura Swyberius
 - **Assistant Principal:** Munyiva Mungati



- **Seth Boyden Elementary School**
 - **Principal:** Shannon Glander
 - **Assistant Principal:** Dr. Telia Bennett
- **Tuscan Elementary School**
 - **Interim Principal:** Maureen Davenport
 - **Assistant Principal:** Angel Rivera
- **South Mountain Elementary School**
 - **Principal:** Dara Gronau
 - **Assistant Principal:** Anthony Cicenia
- **Clinton Elementary School**
 - **Principal:** Melissa Butler
 - **Assistant Principal on Special Assignment:** Suzanne Ackley

Middle Schools

- **South Orange Middle School**
 - **Principal:** Dr. Lynn Irby Hill
 - **Assistant Principals:** James Waldron & Donovan Smalls
- **Maplewood Middle School**
 - **Principal:** Kevin Mason
 - **Assistant Principals:** Louis Brown & Lavonne Wallace

High School & Early Childhood

- **Columbia High School**
 - **Principal:** Frank Sanchez
 - **Assistant Principals:** Peter Kassalow, Lamech Obwoye, Philip McCormick, & Abiodun Banner
- **Montrose Early Childhood Center**
 - **Principal:** Kimberly R. Santos

Ms. Mallikah Majeed will transition to the role of Principal on Special Assignment, focusing specifically on K-12 math achievement. In partnership with Assistant Superintendent Ann Bodnar and Supervisor of Mathematics Kim Beane, Mrs. Majeed will drive targeted initiatives where we expect to see great progress. Our administrative teams are already hard at work preparing their buildings and curricula for the return of our students. We are confident that these leadership teams will foster thriving, safe, and academically rigorous environments for all of our children.

Thank you for your continued partnership and investment in our schools. I wish you all a wonderful remainder of the summer, and I look forward to an incredible school year ahead.



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