

Dear Holly Springs STEM Academy Parents and Students,

It is with great excitement I write this letter to introduce myself as the newly appointed Principal of Holly Springs STEM Academy. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve a school community with such great teachers, students and parents who are committed to educational excellence!

I have served in the field of education for more than 16 years beginning my career in Marietta City Schools serving as elementary teacher, special education teacher and assistant principal. In 2018, I joined the Cherokee County School District serving as special education facilitator and later assistant principal at Avery Elementary. I am excited to continue serving Cherokee in bringing my skills and instructional knowledge to Holly Springs STEM Academy.

Over the last few months, I have been able to spend time with staff to plan for our next school year. I truly enjoyed learning about you and what you love about Holly Springs ES. In recent conversations, a common theme has emerged that has made me feel right at home and inspired me to write a new motto for the school. I strongly value teamwork and collaboration; I know we can accomplish so much more when we work together. Heading into our 2020-21 school year, Holly Springs Wild Cats— staff, students, parents and community partners— will work in “*Achieving Excellence Together!*”

As your new principal, I am committed to continuing the academic success established at Holly Springs in prioritizing literacy and STEM/STEAM content integration. Prioritizing literacy means— ensuring students are reading, writing and talking during class, engaging with “texts,” and planning for teacher learning opportunities to increase literacy learning for every student, every day. STEM/STEAM integration offers students meaningful collaboration, utilizing an inquiry problem-based approach which increases 21st century learning skills. I am excited to begin a new year focused on advanced learning experiences!

With that said, I am sad to say another school year has ended. The last few weeks of digital learning have been fun and challenging, but I’m sure you are all ready for a well-deserved break! I hope everyone takes time to renew, relax and have fun over the summer months (You deserve it!). I am looking forward to Meeting and Greeting students and parents, in person on July 31st! Please feel free to contact me with any question, concerns or ideas you would like to share.

Warm Regards,

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