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Dear Urbana Middle Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As the new Principal of Urbana Middle School, I am so excited to return to this wonderful community!

I began my career with FCPS in 1985 at Walkersville Middle School where I taught Chorus, Orchestra, & Theatre for 20 years. Upon leaving WMS, I served as Assistant Principal at Windsor Knolls Middle from 2005-2006 and then transferred to Urbana Middle as the Assistant Principal from 2006-2013. I returned to Walkersville Middle in 2013 as Principal for 5 years. I was very excited to learn I was returning to Urbana Middle this year! I know firsthand the history of academic and cultural excellence that exists in this community because of the positive partnership between our school staff, families, and community members. I have experienced the warmest welcome "home" to our building. Please know I am truly honored to be appointed as your new Principal and can't wait to begin working with our dedicated staff, UMS students and families to provide the best possible educational program.

Please also welcome Robert Everett as our new Assistant Principal. Mr. Everett joins Wendy Gill as our 2<sup>nd</sup> AP.

While transitioning back to the Urbana community, I look forward to meeting everyone and also getting reacquainted with former colleagues, students, & families. Additionally, I would like to hear about your hopes and dreams for our school. *What is important to you about Urbana Middle? What are you most proud of? What is an area we need to work on? What is something you would like me to know?* Community input will be valuable information as we partner with each other to uphold the academic excellence at Urbana Middle.

I have been meeting with my administrative team, counselors, and staff members to strategically plan for the 2019 school year. In addition, I have met our PTSA President and other community members who remain committed to making the 2019 school year the best one ever! UMS will continue to offer a positive, productive learning environment and differentiated instruction to meet the needs of every student. Our educational program will continue to be academically challenging and engaging, while providing the necessary supports to guide our students in this ever changing, global society toward 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Together, our collaborative partnership will make our school an even better place for our students to be active learners and grow as young adults.

Middle School is such an exciting time and I can't wait to meet our "new and returning Hawks". I encourage our students, parents, and community to participate in all of the wonderful opportunities and programs our school will offer this school year. We will publish a weekly newsletter via "Find Out First" that has a variety of information and updates. To sign up for FOF, please visit the FCPS.org website.

I look forward to meeting everyone at our UMS "Open House" on August 22. Should you ever have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time. Enjoy the remainder of your summer; I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sincerely,

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