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KIPP Woodson Park Families,

I hope this email finds you well. I know you have felt all of the joyous momentum as we have celebrated the growth, accomplishments, and hard work of our scholars throughout the year. I am writing to share the news about an upcoming transition here at KWPA. At the conclusion of this school year, I, Dwight Ho-Sang, will be transitioning to the role of Deputy Head of Schools for KIPP Metro Atlanta.

It has been an honor to be a part of the KIPP Woodson Park Academy family and the Grove Park community. Thank you for all of your support and partnership, as we all drive the endless work of creating a better tomorrow through the power of education. The bonds and relationships built make this transition difficult, but I am relieved in knowing that KWPA will be led by Tara Stifler and Emanuel Mathis.

Ms. Stifler is our founding K-2 Assistant Principal. She has been in education for 14 years. Before coming to Woodson, she was Assistant Principal of KIPP WAYS Academy and the Elementary Literacy Specialist for KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools. Mr. Mathis is our founding 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Assistant Principal. He also has 14 years of educational experience and served as the Assistant Principal of KIPP STRIVE Academy for 4 years before coming to Woodson. They both have a wealth of knowledge and experience to lead KWPA with excellence. Ms. Stifler will be the Principal of Lower School, Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Mathis will be the Principal of Upper School, 5<sup>th</sup> grade-7<sup>th</sup> grade. While we are transitioning to a two-principal model, both will work in tandem in order to fulfill our vision of a seamless and cumulative Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade experience.

Due to the nature of my role in KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools, I will continue to work closely with Ms. Stifler and Mr. Mathis as their coach and manager. I am extremely grateful for the trust and relationships gained throughout our first two years, and I look forward to continuing to be a part of the success of KIPP Woodson Park Academy.

With Gratitude,

Dwight Ho-Sang