

March 7, 2024

Dear Dunbar Parents and Dunbar Elementary Community,

Subject: A Letter of Gratitude and Farewell

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. It is with a mix of emotions that I write to inform you of my decision not to return as principal for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year and my resignation from Atlanta Public Schools with 25 years of service.

After six rewarding years serving as your principal, the time has come for me to embark on a new chapter in my journey. It has been an honor and privilege to work alongside such dedicated students, parents, staff, and community members. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones and created cherished memories that will forever hold a special place in my heart including earning IB Authorization, an international garden, and a state-of-the-art outdoor classroom and playground.

As I embark on this new chapter, I want to express my deepest thanks to each and every one of you for your trust, collaboration, and unwavering dedication to our shared vision of educational excellence. It has been a privilege to serve as your principal, and I will carry the memories of our time together with me always.

While my time as principal may be coming to an end, my commitment to the well-being and success of our students remains steadfast for the duration of this school year. You should know that I plan to work tirelessly, to ensure that our programming, staff, and systems are all strong and in place for the scholars and teachers before I leave. Together, we have built a wonderful place of teaching and learning for our Mighty Bulldogs! I look forward to cheering on our school's continued achievements from afar and forever will remain a proud member of this incredible Dunbar Elementary school community.

In closing, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for continued success and prosperity. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your principal and for making these past six years truly unforgettable.

With deepest gratitude and warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

*Ernest Sessoms, Jr.*

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