



Hollis Innovation Academy  
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Dr. Ford epitomizes the tenets of leadership through her ability to empower teachers and staff members at Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy to lead improvement throughout the school. She effectively delegates tasks to individuals who demonstrate leadership capabilities and she provides ongoing support and feedback for growth and development. Dr. Ford encourages her staff members to initiate and guide programs within the school and community where needed that will advance the established goals of the organization.

Dr. Ford not only empowers her staff members to lead change within in the school, but she also cultivates student leadership through her Principal's Advisory Council, which includes student leaders who provide student voice and advocate for positive change throughout the school.

Dr. Ford has been a visionary leader from the beginning of her tenure at Hollis Innovation Academy. Daily, she inspires me to allow the needs of students and families to drive the decision making process towards continuous growth and improvement. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Dr. Ford for eight years. We both share a love for students and quality instruction, and we are delighted to encourage and promote professional growth among our students and staff. Throughout our journey together, she has consistently held high standards for exemplary teaching and learning, and she supports the growth, development, and advancement of her Crew. I am honored to nominate my principal Dr. Diamond Ford for the Silverberg Leadership Award!

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