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Superintendent

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Dear Woodson Park Academy Parents and Caregivers:

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) is focused on preparing all of our students to graduate ready for college and career, and that work begins in early childhood education and continues through the entire K-12 experience. We have been working diligently, across the District, to strengthen all of our academic programs while ensuring that we put our students at the center of every decision we make.

You may already be aware that KIPP Metro Atlanta will be the operator of the **new** KIPP Woodson Park Academy beginning next school year. That new school is part of a broader community redevelopment effort involving a number of community partners, including the Grove Park Foundation, Bank of America, Chick-fil-A, SunTrust, Synovus Bank, and others who have come together to invest in and support the overall redevelopment of the area. Everyone is committed to ensuring that the **new** KIPP Woodson Park Academy remains the neighborhood anchor school in the community.

It's so critically important to us that your voice continues to be part of our process of transitioning the operation of Woodson Park Academy to KIPP Metro Atlanta. To that end, KIPP's leadership team has made themselves available for community conversations, including one-on-one opportunities for you to meet the new school principal and learn more about KIPP's vision for the school. I encourage you to become engaged in this process and participate in the upcoming meetings scheduled below:

Date	Event
January 22, 2019 (9:00 – 10:00 AM)	Principal's Coffee – Meet the Principal
February 13, 2019 ( 9:00 – 10:00 AM)	Principal's Coffee– Meet the Principal
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 ( 6:00 – 8:00 PM)	KIPP Parent Meeting

All meetings will be held at Woodson Park Academy, 20 Evelyn Way NW, Atlanta, GA 30318. Please look for communications about additional parent engagement opportunities directly from KIPP Metro Atlanta beginning second semester.

Should you have any questions or would like to schedule other one-on-one opportunities, please contact the new principal, Dwight Ho-Sang at [dho-sang@kippmetroatlanta.org](mailto:dho-sang@kippmetroatlanta.org) or 404-775-1183. Additional information about KIPP Metro Atlanta is also available at <https://www.kippmetroatlanta.org/>. We are excited about the new vision for KIPP Woodson Park Academy, and we know that with your continued engagement and support, our students will be prepared for the choice-filled lives they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meria J. Carstarphen', written in a cursive style.

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