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Dear Carver STEAM scholars and families,

I am so proud of Carver STEAM Academy's progress over the six years I have had the honor of serving as your school's principal.

That's why it's incredibly bittersweet to share that after a decade as a principal (six years at Carver), I have decided to leave my position as Principal at the end of this school year. This is a personal and professional decision to begin a new phase of my career.

I am incredibly grateful for my experience with Purpose Built Schools Atlanta and what we have accomplished at Carver STEAM. I am most proud of the team we've assembled and their commitment to our mission and values.

Most recently, we celebrated that our scholars earned the largest improvement in graduation rate in the school district. Over the last three years, our school's graduation rate has improved overall by 10.6 percentile points, which is the largest improvement in the graduation rate of any other high school in the district over these three years. And out of 426 high schools in Georgia, Carver STEAM is ranked 26th in terms of growth over this same period.

There is much more to accomplish, and I will continue to do everything I can to elevate Carver STEAM through the end of this school year and will do everything possible to support PBSA in a smooth transition for Carver STEAM staff and scholars.

Purpose Built Schools will start a search for my replacement by December 1. They will do a national and intensive local search involving Carver staff, students, caregivers, partners, APS, and the community. One of the hallmarks of a strong organization – which we are – is its ability to transition from one leader to another while continuing to build on success. I am confident we will do that here.

I look forward to staying connected with the Carver STEAM community and watching our scholars succeed.

In Leadership and Service,

Yusuf Muhammad Principal