

October 6, 2021

Dear Finch Go Team, Faculty, and Community,

It is with pleasure that I make you aware that Mrs. Forrestella Taylor has been selected to serve as the Interim Principal of Douglass High School. Principal Taylor has been an amazing leader at Finch Elementary School and has been directly responsible for student achievement growth and the neighborhood commitment to Finch. Her love for her students and for a high-quality instructional experience for all will serve well into her new role. We know she will be deeply missed by her staff and students but is now able to make a tremendous impact in the community she will lead.

It is important that we place a highly qualified interim principal as Mrs. Taylor transitions. I'm excited to share that Mr. Gerald Johnson will serve as the Interim Principal. Mr. Johnson has been working in Atlanta Public Schools for four years. He currently serves as the Assistant Principal, where he plays a major role in creating the environment where students and staff excel academically which has led to the school's growth in student achievement. As Interim Principal, Mr. Johnson will continue to focus on student achievement while maintaining the mission and vision of the school. Additionally, he will provide stability and continuity of vision for the parents, students, teachers, and stakeholders of Finch Elementary School. Mr. Johnson is highly respected by all and has a vested interest in the continued growth and success of Finch Elementary School.

Thank you in advance for your support and congratulatory remarks for Principal Taylor and Mr. Johnson!

Sincerely,

Mr. Tommy Usher,
K-12 Associate Superintendent
Carver and South Atlanta Cluster Schools