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Dear Peyton Forest Families,

It has been my true privilege to serve as principal of Peyton Forest Elementary for the past six years. I can honestly say that my time here has been full of blessings. We have grown immensely, we have built deep relationships, and we have learned alongside each other as students, staff, parents, and community members. We have created a culture of growth that is talked about throughout APS. When people hear about Peyton Forest, the reputation is full of strength, care, innovation, and LOVE.

After much thought, personal reflection, and professional guidance, I have accepted the position of Principal at Drew Charter Junior Academy. It is a position that aligns with my goals and a great forward step in a career that is built on a love for learning and seeing kids grow.

Saying goodbye is never easy; however, I have full confidence in the shared mission and vision we have established. I have been humbled by how Peyton families have embraced me as a leader, and I am so grateful for all the little tigers you have entrusted in my care. Peyton Forest has been an excellent place to work!

Over the past six years, we have built a school environment that has allowed for both students and staff to flourish. We have even weathered a global pandemic together. We have grown a strong community that has come together over hardships and has celebrated so many victories and accomplishments. I am moving on, but the "Peyton Way" is stronger than it has ever been and will continue to grow because of your active support.

As I begin my next journey, I will take everything I have learned and all the wonderful memories with me.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Cynthia A. Gunner