



Dear Slater Families,

We are writing to let you know that Donya Kemp has chosen to resign from her role as principal of Slater Elementary School effective today, March 23, 2022. Ms. Kemp has been a champion for students and families since 2019, and we are grateful for her leadership. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

We are excited to announce that Dumaka Moultrie, Slater's long-standing Dean of Culture and an integral and effective part of the Slater leadership team, will serve as Interim Principal until the end of the school year. Prior to joining Slater three years ago, Mr. Moultrie served as an educator with both DeKalb County and Atlanta Public Schools, a RTI Specialist for Purpose Built Schools and the RTI-SST Chair with the Fulton County School System. Mr. Moultrie holds a master's degree in teaching and leadership from the Teachers College at Columbia University. During his time at Slater, Mr. Moultrie has led our work in Social Emotional Learning, and he has spearheaded a powerful initiative introducing mindfulness to students.

There will be a seamless transition to Mr. Moultrie's leadership, and he is already focused on making sure Slater finishes strong through the end of the academic year, including supporting our students in the upcoming Georgia Milestones. As always, we remain focused on student success through project-based curriculum, student enrichment programs, and effective academic interventions. Our Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Nikkita Warfield, and our team of experienced Instructional Coordinators will also provide extra support to Slater during this time. We have great things to look forward to as we finish out the final quarter of the academic year.

The plan for next year remains the same, with Jovan Miles, current principal of Thomasville Heights Elementary School – in terms of student growth, one of the most improved elementary schools in Georgia – to serve as the new principal of the merged THES/Slater elementary schools. At that time, Mr. Moultrie will resume his role of Dean of Culture. We are confident that together they will be the foundation of an extraordinarily strong leadership team for Slater.

We fully acknowledge there has been a good deal of change to both the Thomasville Heights and Slater communities in the past month; it has been a difficult situation, and we appreciate your patience and support as we navigate the impacts of the condemnation of the Forest Cove apartments. Please know that we are all fully focused on what is best for Slater students. We prioritize that above everything else.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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President

Dr. Nikkita Warfield  
Chief Academic Officer