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Dear King Middle School Families,

It is with great pride and excitement that I introduce myself to you as the new Principal of Martin Luther King Middle School. I am Kimberly Gibbs and I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a great history. I come to you from the beautiful state of Delaware. I received my Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Wilmington University in Wilmington, Delaware. I have been an educator for 19 years, 10 of those years have been spent at the middle school level. During that time, I have served students in grades K-8 as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. I have also served as an adjunct professor, sharing my love and passion for teaching and learning with future educators at Washington College in Maryland. I am thrilled and eager to bring my skills as an instructional leader to King Middle School.

I look forward to working with you as a partner in education. In addition to being an educator I am a mom of two amazing young men, which allows me to advocate for education as a parent, teacher and administrator. I am also a product of Atlanta Public Schools where I attended Gideon's Elementary, Sylvan Middle, and North Atlanta High Schools.

During my journey, I have founded several groups for girls and women - "Ladies of Meredith" where teen girls came together to discuss self-esteem and empowerment, a women's group "L.A.D.I.E.S (Leaders Actively Driving Innovative Educational Success) for educators who are looking to become school leaders and a group for principal's-PASEO (Principal's Aligned Supporting Each Other) for women to come together to discuss problems of practice, share ideas and support each other through the journey of leadership.

I am known for my implementation and consistency with MTSS academic and behavior interventions. I have coached, supported and led my schools through improving special education practices amongst educators. I believe in making strong connections with students to increase academic engagement. Strong positive relationships create a climate and culture of learning. It is my honor to serve as your new principal.

As a staff, we will work to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships while making real-world connections. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors, are excited to be here. This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. My door is always open and I welcome your feedback. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Kim O. Gibbs,
Principal

Where the Leaders of Tomorrow are trained by the Leaders of Today

"When you can't find the sunshine, BE THE SUNSHINE."