

May 13, 2022

Dear Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy Staff, Families and Community Partners,

It has been a true pleasure to serve as Assistant Principal and Principal of TAG Academy for the past six years. Our time together has been filled with great joy and deep appreciation and it is with bittersweet emotions that I communicate that my last day as principal of TAG Academy will be June 30, 2022. After much thought, personal reflection, and professional guidance, I have accepted the position of Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction within our school district.

My role as principal of TAG Academy has been the most challenging yet rewarding experience of my professional career. As I reflect on our time together, it warms my heart to think of how far we have come. We exited Atlanta Public School's Turnaround list in 2016 and the GaDOE's Comprehensive Support & Improvement list in 2018. We earned Cognia STEM Certification and increased our CCRPI score by 21 points. We received numerous awards for improving student attendance and recognition for school culture and staff engagement. Our hard work and dedication to our scholars and this community is evident in our accomplishments and I am certain that TAG Academy will continue to thrive in the years to come.

Farewells are never easy, but I leave grateful to have had the opportunity to work with a staff that is committed, talented and passionate about positively affecting the lives of children. While I am extremely proud of what we've been able to accomplish, I fully understand that there is more work to be done. It is imperative that all stakeholders are invited to participate in the following opportunities to provide input and share feedback during the Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy principal selection process.

- A survey (link [here](#)) that seeks direct input on what is working well at the school, what needs improvement, and what specific qualities are desired in the next principal
- A **virtual** meeting for **all TAG staff**, where participants will collaborate in small groups to share their suggestions and beliefs about the qualities desired in the next principal – **Tuesday, May 17th, 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM**
<https://atlantapublicschools-us.zoom.us/j/84688349486?pwd=WHVYeXYvUG5sKzJHUKF5L3ZEWVhGQT09>
Meeting ID: 846 8834 9486 **Passcode:** 124850
- A **virtual** community input session where **parents and other community members** have the opportunity to engage in small group discussions to share their suggestions – **Tuesday, May 17th, 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM**
<https://atlantapublicschools-us.zoom.us/j/85146722408?pwd=ejdxQUphM0YxbUJXMG05c0NCMXItZz09>
Meeting ID: 851 4672 2408 **Passcode:** 052249

As I step forward on a new path, I do so with humble thanks to each of you; and although my time in this role has come to an end, TAG Academy will ALWAYS hold a place in my heart.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Yolanda T. Weems, Ed.S
Principal