

Dear TAG Academy Parents and Community,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new principal of Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy and to join this extraordinary school community. I hope that this note finds you enjoying the rejuvenating days of summer. Over the past few weeks, I have heard about the positive experiences that students, families, and teachers have felt as a member of this school. I believe wholeheartedly that every student and family deserves access to a high-quality education. I am beyond excited to be able to contribute to the excellence and specialness that has already been established here by Ms. Weems, the students, staff, and stakeholders.

I arrive at TAG as an experienced elementary educator, but in addition to my role as an educator, I am first and foremost a wife and mother of two boys. The 2022-2023 school year will mark my 12th year in education. Over the course of the last twelve years, I have served as a special education teacher, MTSS Specialist, Instructional Coach, and Assistant Principal in various schools across Atlanta Public Schools. I am excited about my new role as your principal, as it will provide me the chance to work collaboratively with teachers and parents daily, while also remaining connected to our core business of teaching and learning.

During virtual learning and as we continue to navigate the uncertainty of COVID-19, one thing has remained apparent; for our children to be successful, there must be a partnership between our families and our school. I believe that if we work collaboratively as partners, the sky is the limit for our students, community, and future.

As I transition, one of my first goals is to establish open lines of communication and build relationships with all our stakeholders. I am committed to discovering innovative ways to meet the needs of all students and to effectively communicate with our staff, parents, and community members. We will be meeting with parents, students, and staff throughout the year to identify and monitor the progress of specific goals in the areas of student achievement, school climate, and parent communication.

My appointment will be included in the HR personnel action report for the August Board meeting and effective July 6<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to meeting each of you at TAGtopia, our Back-to-School Open House on July 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at TAG Academy. It will be a chance to come and meet your child's teacher, see the gorgeous school building, and introduce ourselves to each other. I can't wait to meet you and your child(ren).

In closing, please know that my door is always open to you. I welcome your conversation and positive input throughout the year. Let us always keep our students the primary focus of our work. I look forward to celebrating our collective successes during this school year.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Educationally driven,

Melanie Sithole  
Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy Principal  
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