

July 13, 2022

Dear Tilden Middle School Parents/Guardians, Staff, and Students:

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer. On July 12, 2022, the Board of Education for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) appointed me as the new principal of Tilden Middle School (TMS). I am thrilled and excited to have the opportunity to lead this wonderful school that thrives on academic excellence and engagement for all students. As an educator with more than 27 years of experience in a multitude of roles, both in India and the U.S., I embrace the diverse culture and the vision of a happy, safe, and caring educational environment for the ongoing success of all students at TMS.

I was raised in a family of public servants, my father retired after serving in the IAF for 25 yrs and my mother served as a lifelong fine arts teacher. Public service is in my blood. From an immigrant to a proud U.S. citizen, from a long-term substitute teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools to a principal at TMS, from a single mother of two sons to a proud mother of young men, one of whom is a middle school teacher in MCPS, my story is about hope, resilience, and never giving up on my dreams. I will work tirelessly to help make the dreams of every student at TMS come true.

The leadership team and I will spend the summer working to ensure we are prepared to welcome the students and staff in August. I look forward to meeting with the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) president and executive board as soon as possible. It is my priority to listen and learn about the school community, both inside and outside the building, and earn its trust. I am committed to sustaining and building upon the rich legacy of academic excellence and positive culture at TMS while leading our staff in providing quality instruction in every classroom every day for every student.

It is my vision that Tilden Middle School will inspire all students, staff, and families to actively engage in our school in our daily pursuit of well-being, excellence, and world-class customer service. I look forward to meeting you and will send dates for staff and parent "Meet and Greets"

happening next week. In the meanwhile, if you are in the building or neighborhood, please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself.

Thank you in advance for your support as we look forward to a new beginning at Tilden Middle School.

Sincerely,

Sapna Hopkins  
Principal