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Dear Wyngate Community:

I am writing to share that at today's Board of Education meeting I was appointed as the director of the Department of Certification and Staffing in the Office of Human Resources and Development where I will implement the mission and vision of hiring for excellence as we work to recruit, hire, and retain the most diverse and highly effective teachers and support professionals to serve the needs of all MCPS students. The decision to leave Wyngate was not an easy one as this has been my home for the last six years. Serving as principal of Wyngate for the last five years has been an honor and a privilege, and one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. While I will miss the opportunity to work with our students, staff, and families, I leave knowing that we have accomplished so much together and that you will continue to do great things in the future.

Together, we have achieved so much with a goal of ensuring that each and every child feels comfortable, safe, and valued coming through the doors each morning. With an intentional focus on relationships, we have increased access and opportunity to enriched and accelerated instruction and targeted interventions to ensure that all students receive the high-quality education they deserve to thrive in their future.

Through collaboration and partnership, the level of engagement of our families and the community at large increased significantly. The relationship between the school and our PTA and Wyngate Foundation has never been stronger. I am proud of the work that we have done together, including significantly increasing professional development for staff; creating a Maker Space to focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); and bringing a wide range of cultural arts programming, including a yearly "One Author, One School" event to our students.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day. I will miss greeting our wildcats each morning in front of the school, but am confident they will continue to learn and grow as they move through the critical years of elementary school where they will continue to love learning and work collaboratively with one another and the adults who care so deeply about them.

Dr. Rotunda Floyd-Cooper, director of learning, achievement, and administration for the Walter Johnson Cluster, will facilitate the principal selection process and will be in touch with all stakeholders in the coming days regarding next steps.

I have never been fond of "goodbyes" so I say to all of you... "Until we meet again."

With tremendous admiration and respect,

Travis J. Wiebe
Principal