



Friday, May 17, 2019



Dear Parsons Parents,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Gwinnett County School Board of Education has named me as the new principal of Parsons Elementary. To say that I am honored and excited is an understatement. I have had the privilege to serve as one of your Assistant Principals for the past 3 years and look forward to continuing our work together. I will work closely with Ms. Perkins to ensure a smooth transition as we look forward to the new school year.

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I'd like to share my background prior to coming to Parsons. I am a product of our school system which gives me a unique perspective. I taught for 14 years prior to becoming an Assistant Principal. During that time, I was a classroom teacher, Reading Recovery teacher and literacy coach. I was an Assistant Principal at Cedar Hill Elementary and Patrick Elementary before coming to Parsons. I have had the great fortune of learning and growing as an Assistant Principal in Gwinnett County Schools for 13 years. I am currently enrolled in the Aspiring Principal Program in GCPS. This program is designed to prepare leaders for the principalship.

On a personal note, I have been married for 21 years. My husband, Troy, works in the Project Engineering Department of Gwinnett Public Schools. My daughter, Kailey Ann, will be a senior at Mill Creek HS and my son, Chase, graduated from North Gwinnett High School and is in his first year of college. We live in Braselton and feel thankful for the great education our children have received in Gwinnett County. I hope that you will have the opportunity to meet my family at school functions in the future. As a family, we enjoy spending time together at the lake or skiing in the mountains.

As the new Principal of Parsons Elementary School, I look forward to working alongside you and the staff in continuing the excellence in academics and community involvement. I know it will be a big task to follow Ms. Perkins and I will work tirelessly to build lasting relationships and continue to make Parsons Elementary School one of the greatest schools in Gwinnett County.

Proud to be your Principal,

Laura J. Clark

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