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Gwinnett County Public Schools is a
Learning 2025 Demonstration District.

Dear Anderson-Livsey Elementary Community,

Greetings! As your 2022-2023 school year principal, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to join this community. I look forward to meeting students, staff, parents, and other stakeholders.

My experience in education is extensive, multi-tiered, and spans two and a half decades. It includes serving as special education aide, sign-language interpreter, district elementary teacher, middle school teacher, school counselor, crisis family therapist, and site principals for elementary, middle, and high schools. The common denominator to all of this experience is a deep-seated passion to helping others.

My philosophy includes the ideas that all children can learn and that success comes in various shapes and sizes. It is up to our educational community to create an environment where each child can realize his/her/their own personal success.

As I make the transition to ALES, I am aware of the apprehension that often accompanies new leadership in any organization. Change can provoke anxiety as well as excitement. It is my goal to lay anxieties to rest by building on the strengths of the ALES community and creating a culture of thoughtful empowerment.

Genuine collaboration—which includes parents, guardians, teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, office staff, custodians, school nutrition workers, and maintenance personnel—fosters ownership of a rich school culture. As such, upon my official arrival to ALES, I will host a “Meet and Greet.” Here are some of the essential core questions that each of you can expect from me:

1. What is important to you about ALES?
2. What would you like me to learn more about?
3. What are we most proud of?
4. What do we want to work on?
5. Parents and guardians, how can I best serve you and your child?
6. Teachers and staff, how can I best support you?

Again, it is an extreme honor and privilege to have been selected to serve this community. I look forward to meeting all of you!

Here's to a fantastic school year!

Respectfully yours,

Joanne A. Vigilant

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