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Dear Kanoheda Families,

I am so excited and honored to be the new principal at Kanoheda Elementary School. I am pleased to have the opportunity to join in partnership with you as we strive for academic excellence for all students. In returning to the Kanoheda ES community, I feel a great sense of pride to be back in a community that I love so much. I look forward to continuing the great work currently underway.

I have been an educator in Gwinnett County Public Schools for 20 years and believe wholeheartedly in the importance of continuous quality improvement to ensure our students are provided a world class education. I began my career in Screven County Schools, where I taught second grade for the second semester after completing my student teaching experience. In 2001, I became a third grade teacher at Shiloh Elementary School. I taught at Shiloh for eleven years before I became a part of the Kanoheda community as an Assistant Principal in 2012. In 2016, I moved to Ferguson Elementary as an assistant principal. Through each of my educational experiences, my love of learning and people, my passion for student achievement, and my belief in the importance of genuine kindness have been allowed to grow and take root in who I am. As a member of the 14th cohort of Gwinnett County Public Schools' Quality-Plus Aspiring Principals Program (a leadership program to promote the development of successful principals according to Gwinnett County's rigorous standards), I was ecstatic at the opportunity to become the principal here at Kanoheda Elementary.

On a more personal note, I am the daughter of two retired educators (Job and Willie Coleman). I am married to Tyrone Morrow. We grew up in the same hometown, Thomasville, GA, but our story began here in Duluth, GA many years later. We have three amazing children- Ty'Asia (27), Leila (10), and Aiden (8). As a mom, I always want what is best for my own children, and as we work together here at Kanoheda, know that I will keep the parent perspective close to my heart at all times.

I view education as being similar to a jigsaw puzzle. Every piece is essential for our students to thrive. That means we must all work together. Parents provide pieces for our students that we cannot replicate, and the staff here at Kanoheda will teach knowledge and skills at a level that aligns appropriately with county and state standards. We, both school and home, are working together to prepare our children for college and future careers. While this is a unique time in our country as we persevere through a pandemic, I am committed to student safety, ongoing clear communication, and academic success. I believe that learning starts at home and will work hard to provide any needed resources to support our families. Together we will continue our trajectory towards success while setting even higher goals for our future.

Respectfully,

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