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Dear Baldwin Elementary School and Metz Middle School Families,

As we prepare to welcome students back to school on August 12, I want to share some administrative news with you.

Mr. Dave Rupert, who has served as Metz Middle School principal since 2018, will be transferring to Baldwin Elementary School to serve as principal. He will be replacing Dr. Laura Goldzung, who was recently named Director of Assessment and Accountability at the Central Office. Mr. Rupert has a strong background at the elementary school level, having served as an assistant principal and principal at Weems Elementary School from 2013 until he moved to Metz in 2018. During his time at Weems, the school won various state and national awards, including the 2015 National Excellence in Urban Education Award, given by the National Center for Urban Schools Transformation.

Mrs. Armstrong will continue to provide administrative support in her current role as assistant principal at Baldwin Elementary School.

Metz will be in capable hands as we begin the new school year. Mr. Derek Smith, an assistant principal at Osbourn High School, will join the Metz family and serve as interim principal. Mr. Smith has been on the Osbourn team for two years, where he supervises the world languages and math departments and the Blended Learning Academy. He provides leadership for Osbourn's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program and is very involved in student life at the school. Before joining the Osbourn team, he served as an assistant principal in Fairfax County at Oakton High School and Mountain View Alternative High School. I am confident that with his extensive background at the secondary level, Mr. Smith will be an excellent resource in assisting our middle school students as they begin their journey to high school.

Mrs. Milhoan, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Zayatz will all continue to provide administrative support as assistant principals at Metz.

Please rest assured, the Metz and Baldwin staff has everything in place for a smooth start and successful new school year for your student.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director of Student Services