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Greetings, Avondale Families and Community!

My name is Dr. Candace M. Sagers, and I am thrilled to have been chosen as the principal at Avondale Elementary School. Having spent a decade here as an Assistant Principal, I've witnessed our school's remarkable growth. I am eager to continue leading these efforts and propel us to even greater heights. I am excited to build on our existing partnerships and forge new ones that will provide the necessary support for our students to thrive academically and grow through engaging real-world experiences.

My educational journey has been deeply rooted in DeKalb County Schools as a graduate. Moreover, I began my teaching career at Avondale Elementary School, where I completed my student teaching. Over my 18 years as an educator, I've taught for 8 years and served in various leadership roles. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Mass Media Arts/Public Relations from Clark Atlanta University, a Master's and teaching certificate from Mercer University in Elementary Education K-5, and a Doctoral Degree in Leadership in Educational Administration from Capella University.

My belief in teaching the "whole" child will be the driving force in decisions made at the school level. Students must understand their emotions, cultivate relationships, value their academic journey, and become lifelong learners. I will ensure that our students have a learning experience that will support their social-emotional growth, challenge them to become critical thinkers, and help cultivate their strengths and develop their weaknesses. In addition to ensuring their personal development, it is essential to teach them to be an effective communicator that will allow them to be productive citizens.

Lastly, I will ensure our teachers and staff are supported in their endeavors, which will help foster an engaging and stimulating learning environment for our scholars. Consistent collaboration amongst the staff will ensure that our initiatives, programs, and protocols are effective, thereby creating a space where students and teachers thrive.

I look forward to working with all stakeholders in the days, weeks, and months to ensure that Avondale Elementary elevates to the next level. Go Roadrunners!!!

In partnership and service,

Dr. Candace M. Sagers