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Dear Parents and Community Stakeholders,

I hope this letter finds you well as we gear up for the start of a new school year at Hightower Trail Elementary School. As the Principal of our school, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and share some important information about our instructional focus and goals for the upcoming year.

First and foremost, let me express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve the students and community of Hightower Trail. Over the past seven years, three as Assistant Principal and four as Principal, I have witnessed the incredible dedication and support of our parents and stakeholders, which has contributed to the academic success of our students.

At Hightower Trail Elementary, our primary focus is on providing high-quality tier 1 instruction in reading, math, and science. We believe that a strong foundation in these areas is essential for our students' overall academic growth. To achieve this, we are embracing inquiry-based instruction. Now, let me explain this concept in layman's terms: it means that our teachers encourage hands-on learning experiences, critical thinking, and exploration. We want our students to actively engage with the content, ask questions, and develop their problem-solving skills. By fostering a sense of curiosity and exploration, we can inspire a love for learning that extends beyond the classroom.

As an African proverb wisely states, "It takes a village to raise a child." I wholeheartedly embrace this belief and recognize the vital role that parents and community stakeholders play in the education of our students. I want to assure you that I have an open-door policy and welcome your partnership. Your involvement and support are invaluable in creating a nurturing and empowering environment for our children. Together, let us foster a strong partnership to ensure the academic success and holistic development of every student at Hightower Trail Elementary.

I hold high expectations for both our staff and students because I firmly believe in their potential. It is my passion to continue building a "Culture of Excellence" at our school. This means creating an environment where students feel safe, inspired, and challenged to reach their fullest potential. I am committed to fostering a positive and inclusive school culture that celebrates diversity, encourages collaboration, and promotes the values of respect, responsibility, and resilience.

In closing, I am excited to embark on this new school year together with you and your child. Hightower Trail Elementary School is a place where we strive for academic excellence while nurturing the unique talents and passions of each student. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our dedicated staff if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to share. Your input and involvement are essential in shaping the educational experience we provide for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support, trust, and partnership. Let us work hand in hand to create a bright future for every child at Hightower Trail Elementary School.

All the best,

Dr. Toi Sampson

Principal

Hightower Trail Elementary School

