January 21, 2020

Dear Renaissance Elementary Families and Staff,

Dr. Neil Crosslin, current principal of Renaissance Elementary School will be transitioning from his role effective January 31, 2020. I am grateful for the leadership of Dr. Crosslin while he served at Renaissance Elementary School. Dr. Crosslin’s indelible imprint in the fabric of the Renaissance Elementary community and the lives of students and staff alike is unprecedented.

During the principal search process, Mr. John Anderson will serve as the substitute principal for Renaissance Elementary. He is a retired principal of Fulton County Schools and previously served as Assistant Principal at Bear Creek. Additionally, he has supported us in similar capacities at Feldwood, Parklane, and E. C. West Elementary School in recent years.

Filling the position of principal at Renaissance Elementary with the best candidate is a top priority for the learning community leadership team. The first step in the process of finding the best principal candidate for Renaissance Elementary is to build a unique profile. The purpose of this profile is to outline the unique characteristics of the school and to highlight the most important leadership skills that your future principal will need to be successful. We will use this valuable information to select the most qualified candidates to proceed to a school-level interview. Candidates will be interviewed on the competencies identified as the most critical to meet the specific needs of your school.

In order to build a school profile and obtain stakeholder input, there will be a survey and multiple focus groups. The survey is standard across the district and was developed by the Fulton County Talent Division. We invite all community stakeholders to complete the survey using the link below. The survey will stay open through Friday, February 28, 2020.

Renaissance Elementary School Survey

Following is the Principal Selection timeline including the next steps:

1. Friday, January 17, 2020 – Email the principal fit survey to Renaissance Elementary Community (parents, teachers, staff)
2. Monday, February 3, 2020 – Mr. Anderson’s first day at Renaissance Elementary School
3. Friday, February 28, 2020 – Close survey
4. Monday, March 2, 2020 – Teacher Focus Group
5. Monday, March 2, 2020 – Parent/Community Focus Group
6. Monday, March 9, 2020 – Principal interviews – Interview panel comprised of SLC/AZ Area Superintendent, Area Executive Dir, HR Director, Renaissance Elementary Parent rep, Renaissance SGC teacher representative, Renaissance PTA representative, and Renaissance Teacher of the Year
7. TBD – Candidate interview with Superintendent
8. Tuesday, March 19, 2020 – Recommendation to the board

Once again, I want to thank Dr. Crosslin for his leadership displayed at Renaissance Elementary School. Also, thank you for your support as we find the next principal of Renaissance Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gyimah Whitaker
Area Superintendent, South Learning Community