August 17, 2017

Dear Puma Parents, Students, and Friends,

It is with honor and great pleasure that I greet you as the new Acting Principal of Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School has enjoyed tremendous success as a beacon of academic excellence for our school system and these results have not materialized by accident. It has been through the hard work, dedication, and partnerships that have existed between school staff, parents, community members, and most importantly students. This formula for success is what captivated me the first time I walked through the doors of the school. I am humbled and most appreciative of the opportunity presented to me to become the leader of this learning community.

I have been privileged to spend my entire 19 year career serving the students, communities, and teachers of Prince George’s County. The first 10 years of my career was spent as an English teacher at Oxon Hill High School where I worked with grades 9-12; the last 9 years have been as an assistant principal at the middle and high school levels-most recently serving as an Assistant Principal at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School. The commonality in my past 19 years of experience has been the collaboration with others in order to provide the best possible educational experiences for students.

As the instructional leader of Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School, I enthusiastically embrace the task of continuing to utilize all the resources at my disposal to ensure that students are prepared and equipped with the necessary tools to be productive citizens as they transition to the next chapter of their lives as students who are college and career ready. This means ensuring that there is a laser focus on literacy in and out of the classroom, providing staff with continuous professional development opportunities to ensure that instruction continues to be rigorous and relevant, ensuring that the learning environment is safe and secure as possible for all students and staff, and continuing to support and nurture our parental partnerships.

In order to begin our new partnership, please join me on August 21, 2017 at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School Lecture Hall #1 for a meet and greet from 4:00pm-5:00pm. I look forward to the exchange of ideas as we work collectively to continue the history of excellence that has already been created here at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School.

Respectfully,

Byonka Y. Gregory, Acting Principal
Assistant Principals
Rebecca Castle
Tyrone Hicks
Brian Makell
Deborah Royer
Cathleen Rozanski-Cruz

Testing & Instruction Coordinator
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