



**WAKE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Southwestern Area

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Dear Penny Road Elementary School parents and community members:

Congratulations to Mary Bohr on her appointment as principal of Bryan Road Elementary School. While she will be sorely missed, I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well on her new journey. Transitions can be difficult at first, but they can also be very exciting. As we look forward to Penny Road's continued excellence, an interim principal will be appointed to work with the school until a new principal is hired.

Penny Road Elementary has had many successes and much growth under the leadership of Mary Bohr and it is important that we work together to find a leader who will take us to the next level. I am committed to hearing from all stakeholders and listening to what characteristics and leadership skills you would like to see in the next principal of Penny Road Elementary:

- **All parents and community members are invited to the Media Center on Wednesday January 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm to provide input for the characteristics of the new principal.**

The information from the parent input meeting as well as the information from the staff input meeting will be used to develop a principal profile and a list of questions and issues to use during the applicant screening and selection process. This profile is a very important part of selecting the new principal.

As soon as the screening and interview process is complete, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Education.

If for some reason you are unable to attend the session, I invite you to provide input through email. Please send a message of characteristics you would like to see in the next principal to my assistant, Cindy Mukherjee at cmukherjee@wcpss.net. She will compile the comments for my review. I look forward to working with you on this very important process.

Sincerely,

Ashlie Thompson,
Southwestern Area Superintendent

C: Ms. Monika Johnson-Hostler, Board of Education
Dr. James Merrill, Superintendent
Mrs. Cathy Moore, Deputy Superintendent
Daniel Simons, West Lake Elementary School