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Greetings John Hanson Montessori Families! I am excited to join the JHMS School Community. I am eager to continue the great work set before me during these challenging times. Education has been my career for the last twenty years, holding roles at the school, district and community college level along the way. I have served the majority of my years as a building level administrator and bring a wealth of experience to this new journey to include leading three schools with programs that included Arts Integration, two specialized programs for non-diploma bound students and those with severe emotional and behavioral challenges. I have served as a principal of students from Pre-K through 8th Grade. I am most passionate about helping every student find success in every aspect of their life. I believe given the right environment and support, all students can learn in their own way and on their own time.

I am a proud mother of two sons, the youngest of whom began his college tenure this week. Originally from Wilson, NC, I have known I would be an educator since First Grade. I received my undergraduate degree in Middle Grades Education from North Carolina Central University and my Master's in School Administration from East Carolina University. I have lived in Maryland for the past three years, during which time I served as a principal in Frederick County.

This year, my commitment to our school community is to ensure all students are able to access and thrive in both a virtual learning setting and when the time is appropriate to lead our staff in helping to bring our students safely back to our school campus to continue their success. I will ensure each of our classroom settings are providing our children innovative, student centered approaches to learning. I will advocate for the needs of our school based on the data from our student academic performance and make data driven decisions for all. I will partner with our parents to support the vision of our PTSA and help bring enriching opportunities for our school community.

I realize that I must hit the ground running and will work to build positive relationships with all stakeholders. Communication and collaboration are important tenets of my leadership style. I look forward to engaging with each of you in this process soon. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey to help me learn more about your children and your experience with our school.

In Service,

Pattie Barnes