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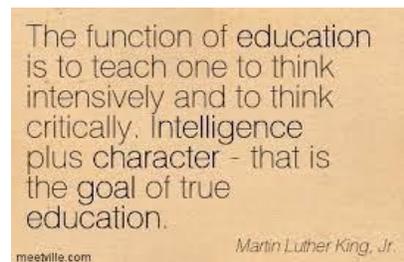
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Dear Parents, Scholars and Friends,

As the new Principal of Silver Spring Elementary School, it is an honor to become a member of the *East Providence Community*. During these past few weeks, I have had many interactions with parents, faculty, and scholars. From these conversations, it is clear that all stakeholders have a strong passion to make Silver Spring a positive educational experience for all scholars. I look forward to fostering these relationships and working with the faculty to provide a world-class holistic educational experience for each and every scholar.

As a product of the Providence School District, my life was deeply enhanced by my classroom teachers. A fifth grade teacher changed the trajectory of my life. He taught me to believe in what I can do. Not only did my teachers provide me a sound foundation, but they inspired me to realize that an education is more than numbers and words. Education is growth.

My education consists of a Bachelor of Science in International Business with a minor in Mathematics, Master of Education in Educational Leadership and a certificate from New York City Leadership Academy (NYCLA) in Transformational Leadership. I served as a classroom teacher for 13 years, Academic Advisor, Math Department Head, Resident Principal, and Assistant Principal. I have a wide range of experience working with scholars from regular education, to social-emotional trauma, to scholars that fall on the spectrum of Autism. This past year, I helped improve the climate and culture of a school increasing the graduation rate to 89% and decreasing the suspension rate by 280%.



Our greatest initiative will be to continue to work together to provide engaging learning opportunities for each and every scholar. We must not only educate, we must also inspire and challenge our scholars with engaging experiences by providing an environment that cultivates a growth mindset. I am confident, that together, we can make Silver Spring a place that produces life-long learners.

Sincerely,

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