

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Myriam Yarbrough ♦ Superintendent ♦ 6901 North Charles Street ♦ Towson, MD ♦ 21204

July 5, 2023

Dear Holabird STEM/Middle School Parents, Guardians, and Staff Members,

I hope that you and your families are doing well and staying healthy. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Ms. Melanie Kearns has been transferred to General John Stricker Middle School, as the principal, effective July 12, 2023. I would like to sincerely thank Ms. Kearns for her years of dedication and service to the students, staff, and community of Holabird STEM/Middle School.

As we begin the search for a new principal, part of the principal selection process in BCPS is to gather input from school staff and parents. Parents have the option to complete a survey, while staff members will be invited to an optional virtual meeting to provide input.

- Parents/guardians, please access this [LINK](#) which will allow you to indicate the characteristics that you feel are important for the next principal of Holabird STEM/Middle School. The link will remain open until July 13, 2023. In addition to providing input via the link, parents/guardians are invited to participate in a meeting via [Microsoft Teams on July 10th, from 5:00-5:30pm](#).
- Staff members will be invited to participate in a Teams meeting to provide input for the characteristics of the next principal on July 10th. This meeting will take place via Microsoft Teams from 12:00-12:30pm. Any staff member unable to participate may provide input using the link above. The link will remain open until July 13, 2023.

We are committed to hearing from all stakeholders and to learning the characteristics and leadership skills that you would like to see in the next principal. The information gathered will be used to develop a principal profile and to assist with the selection process.

Interviews will be conducted through a virtual platform. We will have three staff members and at least one member of the community to participate, along with myself. We want to assure you that we will work in collaboration to ensure that the principal candidate that is recommended will continue to support your students, staff, and parents in an excellent manner.

After the screening and interview process is completed, the superintendent will make a recommendation to the Board of Education. The community will be informed when the Board of Education has appointed the new principal. I look forward to receiving your input and thank you for your continued support of Holabird STEM/Middle School.

Sincerely,



Larissa Santos
Executive Director, Department of Schools, Middle School

Copies to: Dr. Myriam Yarbrough, Superintendent