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Dearest Finch Community,

I would like to introduce myself to you as the PROUD Principal of Finch Elementary School. I am honored to serve in this role, as it is one of dedication to excellence, dedication to student achievement, and dedication to being a servant leader in a community that boasts of rich history and abundant pride. In my 18-year career as an educator, I have worked as a Teacher, Data Coach, and Assistant Principal. Still, I consider my most significant job title is that of “child advocate.” This role aligns with the ideals and values of Mr. William M. Finch, Atlanta’s 1st African American Councilman and staunch supporter of providing quality education for **ALL** children.

My goal as Principal is to provide a supportive presence and strong leadership that will ensure that each student reaches their greatest potential- both academically and socially. I am wholeheartedly committed to fully preparing our Finch Eagles for success beyond elementary school. I commit to spending a great deal of time with your children, getting to know their personalities, learning styles and interests. I vow to celebrate their successes, small and large. I promise to provide daily encouragement and I vow to let them know they are valued and have a special place in our school, in the Oakland City community and in our world.

Again, I am so very thankful to have the opportunity to continue my work in the Carver Cluster at Finch Elementary as Principal. Please know that I am committed to continuing the positive movement of Finch’s achievements and I look forward to creating many more partnered successes.

**Together We Will,**

*Dr. Tara Cotton*