



QUINCE ORCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

Office of the Principal

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Dear Quince Orchard Community,

I hope this letter finds you well and having a fantastic day. My name is Elizabeth Thomas and I am absolutely thrilled to be part of the Cougar Nation as the new Principal of Quince Orchard High School.

I am committed to fostering collaborative relationships with students, staff, and families to implement a shared vision of education that promotes the growth of children to become lifelong learners and to achieve their full potential. My MCPS tenure continues to be honed while my experiences have spanned the roles of teacher, coach, Student Support Specialist, Assistant Principal, Principal Intern, Principal, and Director of School Support and Improvement. Although my titles have changed and my depth of experiences has grown, I hold dearly to the ideal that all children can learn and achieve at high levels and be successful with access, opportunity, and supports. My experience has been one of facilitating this growth in students as a former principal and director helping to build the collective capacity of principals, leaders, and teachers. Whether leading a department of teachers towards high standards of instruction or leading a school staff towards rigorous data-driven instruction, making learning relevant, and forming positive relationships with staff, students and their parents have been a priority.

I am committed to open, truthful discussions regarding what is best for children. My integrity and commitment demand that I do what is in the best interest of all children within my charge. My commitment to diversity does not waiver, and I am committed to a belief that education is a necessity that all children have access to.

As we wind down the school year and begin to plan for 2018-2019, I will be creating an entry plan to guide my work to learn more about our amazing school community. I plan to meet with students, staff, and parents throughout multiple venues to listen and learn more about the traditions and culture of what it means to be a Quince Orchard Cougar. I welcome your feedback and look forward to meeting you all soon!

Make it a great day,

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