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Dear Cannon Road Elementary School Staff, Parents/Guardians, and Students:

I am pleased to announce that on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, the Board of Education for Montgomery County Public Schools appointed Ms. Kristine L. Donohue, currently principal intern at East Silver Spring Elementary School, as the principal of Cannon Road Elementary, effective today, July 12, 2017.

Ms. Donohue has worked in the field of education for twenty-two years, which includes her current position as principal intern at East Silver Spring Elementary School, as a former assistant principal at Flora M. Singer Elementary School, as a former staff development teacher, and as a classroom teacher at various grade levels. Among Ms. Donohue's many attributes, interview panel members identified her clear passion for the work and strong curriculum knowledge; her knowledge of the community and current learning environment; her effective communication style; and her strong interest in celebrating successes, encouraging innovation, and promoting community involvement. Ms. Donohue's collaborative leadership style and proven ability to access resources will serve her well in her new role as the principal of Cannon Road Elementary School.

I am confident that Ms. Donohue will be an excellent leader and demonstrate much devotion to student success at the school. Please join me in officially welcoming Ms. Donohue. Summer "meet and greets" will be planned for the staff and community in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Audra M. Fladung
Director of School Support and Improvement

Copy to:
Dr. Statham
Dr. Kimball

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Dear Cannon Road Elementary School Staff, Parents/Guardians, and Students:

It is with great enthusiasm I introduce myself to you as the new principal of Cannon Road Elementary School (Cannon Road). I feel honored and humbled to serve the students, staff, and families of the Cannon Road community and continue the tradition of excellence and partnerships that have been established. I will be working closely with Ms. Audra M. Fladung, director of school support and improvement, and Mr. Norman L. Coleman, former principal, to ensure a smooth transition. It is my goal to work together with each of you to ensure that our relationships are strong and teaching and learning is of the highest quality at Cannon Road.

My initial entry work will focus on building relationships and learning about each member of our school community. I want to begin that effort by sharing with you some of my background. This is my twenty second year in education. I spent the first three years working for the United States Justice Department's school, teaching kindergarten. I transferred to Montgomery County Public Schools in 1998, where I served in a variety of roles including classroom teacher of kindergarten through second grade, and staff development teacher. During my years as a teacher, I wrote curriculum and served as a curriculum trainer for over a decade. I have been an administrator for the past three years, serving as assistant principal at Flora M. Singer Elementary School and principal intern at East Silver Spring Elementary School, both in Silver Spring. It is my belief that we must put students at the heart of all we do. I feel that school is an exciting place which should be full of learning, creativity, laughter, and support.

On a personal note, I was born and raised in New Jersey, just outside of New York City. I went to college in Michigan, but four years of cold and snow were just enough for me! I have been in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, since 1995, and currently live in Wheaton, Maryland. My significant other, Marcus, and I enjoy traveling and trying new restaurants. When I am not working, I love dancing to Latin music at Zumba class or attempting to cook new vegan dishes.

I am eager to begin the 2017-2018 school year and look forward to creating opportunities to meet students, their families, staff and other community members throughout the remaining part of the summer. I strongly believe that effective communication, consistency, support, and building positive relationships based on respect must be the foundation of our work. Together we will ensure that Cannon Road continues to be a "hidden gem" where we are respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,



Kristine L. Donohue
Principal