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To Parents of Colin Powell Academy.

At Colin Powell, my goals are to provide all of our students with a wealth of knowledge, skills and support, to help them successfully navigate in the academic setting. In the elementary setting, students begin learning early about key academic and social and emotional life skills. They will transfer and use these skills in their homes, community, and throughout their middle and high school experiences. Ongoing, my efforts are to prepare them for their future by providing psycho-education and safe havens of nurture and trust.

Statistics overwhelmingly show that parental involvement is the key to overall success of children. Your involvement will be critical in helping support your child's academic needs, adaptation to school rules and protocols. Children whose parents are actively involved in their formal education, undoubtedly have greater school success. Additionally, children are more motivated when their parents show an interest. When schools and parents work together, students benefit tremendously academically, socially and emotionally. For those reasons, it is so very important that we always work together as a team.

As your child's Professional School Counselor, I play an instrumental role in working directly with your child to ensure their success in their school experience. This year's emphasis will be on providing individual and classroom guidance lessons with a focus on social-emotional learning; College and career readiness, and Education on personal body safety. I will be in communication with you often to share what your students are learning in their lessons with me and how best we can work together. I aim to ensure that they are thriving academically and growing socially and emotionally, at best!

If you should have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at shalena.hooper@pgcps.org or directly at (301) 850-6402 ext. 76299.

Best regards,

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