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Dear Parents and Guardians of Henry W. Lawton School,

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I introduce myself as the new Principal of Henry W. Lawton School. I am truly honored to join this wonderful community and look forward to partnering with you to ensure every child thrives academically, socially, and emotionally.

A little about me: I have dedicated more than 23 years to serving students in our school district, including the past five years as an Assistant Principal. Throughout my career, one belief has remained constant: every child deserves a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where they are challenged, valued, and empowered to reach their fullest potential.

As we begin this new school year together, my highest priority is building strong relationships with our students, families, and staff. I believe the strongest schools are built on meaningful partnerships, and I know that together we can create an exceptional learning experience for every child. We cannot do this without you.

This year, our work will be grounded in three commitments:

Partnership: We will work alongside families to support each child's academic, social, and emotional growth. You know your child best, and your voice is essential to their success.

Communication: We are committed to keeping families informed, connected, and engaged through open, consistent communication. Together, we can ensure every child has the support they need both at school and at home.

A Safe and Supportive School Community: We will foster a welcoming environment where every student feels safe, respected, challenged, and inspired to learn each day.

I am incredibly excited about the future of Henry W. Lawton School. Together, we have an opportunity to build upon the many strengths of our school while creating new opportunities for our students to grow, achieve, and succeed.

I look forward to meeting many of you during morning arrival, school events, and family gatherings throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself, share your ideas, or reach out with any questions. I value your partnership and look forward to getting to know each of you.

Thank you for welcoming me into the Lawton family. Together, let's make the 2026–2027 school year one of growth, connection, and success for every student.

Warmly,

Michelle Todd-Coleman
Principal
Henry W. Lawton School

