



# *Bells Mill Elementary School*

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Dear Bells Mill Families,

The purpose of this letter is to share information about changes to our administrative team for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

As you know, I have been selected to serve as a principal intern trainer this school year. Principal interns are experienced administrators who are selected to begin a year of preparation for the principalship. Principal interns perform many of the duties of an assistant principal while simultaneously shadowing the principal and preparing for their future role as a school system leader. An additional component of the training program includes a brief six-week takeover period, typically following winter break, where the principal intern takes full responsibility for the school while I will leave on a short term assignment. The opportunity to serve as a trainer is a professional opportunity I am pleased to accept and believe that our school and community will provide an excellent environment to prepare a future principal.

This spring I shared with you that, Mr. Jae Lee, was selected to be a principal intern at Bells Mill. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Lee began his work at Bells Mill Elementary. While it has been a pleasure to begin the work together, I am pleased to share that Mr. Lee has been named as the acting principal at Carderock Springs Elementary. I know you join me in wishing Mr. Lee all the success as he embarks on this new professional journey to serve the students, staff, and families of Carderock Springs.

The departure of Mr. Lee created an opportunity to welcome a new member to the Bells Mill administrative team. I am pleased to share that Mrs. Maria Watson will join our school as the principal intern effective July 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Watson comes to Montgomery County Public Schools following time as an educator in Prince George's County Public Schools and has been an assistant principal in Calvert County Public Schools for the past three years. She has extensive experience and has built a reputation of being patient, organized, positive, and an asset to the communities she serves. I know that Bells Mill is fortunate to have Mrs. Watson and I look forward to working with her this year during her principal internship.

In the coming weeks more information about Mrs. Watson, principal intern, will be shared along with an opportunity for Mrs. Watson to meet the staff, students, and community. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

Jerri Oglesby

Principal

