



## **Andrew Carnegie Elementary School**

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It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter to my Carnegie Family informing you of my retirement from CPS. I have served in many capacities throughout my 26 years of tenure. I have met some amazing people along this journey and developed some lasting friendships. I have seen Carnegie flourish and expand her wings and take her spot on the map in this prestigious community. My experience along the way has been rewarding and enlightening. Some moments I will never forget and some I will drown in the sea of the past.

It has been a pleasure to work with the best governing body in the history of all Carnegie's LSC's. Your wisdom and insight in making decisions for the development and advancement of the students of Carnegie shows your commitment to education.

The entire staff of Andrew Carnegie; teachers, teacher assistants, counselor, nurses, social worker, speech pathologist, psychologist, ancillary staff, office staff, engineer, custodians, lunchroom staff, lunch and recess aides, security, PAC, and all other stakeholders that fit into this puzzle of the educational process could not have made a better team for the students of Carnegie.

To the teachers and teacher assistants who are in those classrooms every day, let me encourage you to continue your dedication to your students, you may not see it now but, in the near future, you will. Your students will never forget you and will come back to thank you for what you did for them.

To the parents of Carnegie School, you made the right choice by sending your children to Carnegie, but you didn't need me to tell you that! Continue that home-school relationship keeping the doors of communication open. I look forward to watching the news one day hearing that the famous astronaut, neuro-surgeon, medical scientist, computer systems analysts, or civil engineer attended Andrew Carnegie Elementary School.

And lastly but certainly not least, I want to thank Mrs. Docilla Pollard for giving me the opportunity to serve next to her as Assistant Principal of Carnegie for 5 years. She has made Carnegie what it is today and she strives to continue to keep Carnegie a top-notch school. Carrying such a tremendous burden of being responsible for the academic, emotional, social and physical development of 624 students is not an easy task!

What are my plans for the future? To first permanently turn off my alarm clock, and live faithfully by Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”*

Respectfully,

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Outgoing Assistant Principal