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Greetings School Community!

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly contracted Principal of Joshua D. Kershaw Magnet an IB World Elementary School. I am excited to begin the next phase of my administrative career. My educational journey has been shaped by serving in Chicago Public Schools for 17 years in the elementary school setting on the south side of Chicago, with 9 of these years at Joshua D. Kershaw. I was a successful elementary math and science teacher for 7 years, a compassionate professional school counselor and case manager for 8 years, and most recently, a data-driven assistant principal for 2 years. I have forged impactful relationships with students, parents, staff, and community partners that have made a positive impact on every school community in which I have served.

I look forward to working closely with all of the school stakeholders to develop and implement a rigorous instructional program that adequately prepares students for reaching their full academic potential. Through our partnership and combined efforts, we can ensure that all of our students are on the path of college and career readiness. It is my belief that all students can learn and excel when provided with a variety of academic and behavioral supports, interventions and enrichment opportunities. It is my passion for children and my varied educational and personal experiences that have prepared me for leading this charge.

My goal as your principal is to facilitate a school environment that empowers all school stakeholders to address the needs of the whole child. Our climate and culture will embrace high standards of academic excellence and address the social-emotional needs of all students. By fostering a culture for learning in a success-driven environment, we will build global citizens who are prepared to take risks and embrace differences and change. I will always put forth my best effort to foster a safe and nurturing environment for children. It is my hope that we will work together seamlessly to provide the students of Joshua D. Kershaw with the best possible opportunities in preparing them to be upstanding citizens ready to master the challenges of the 21st Century with a solid foundation.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tanya L. Fields". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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