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Greetings Parents,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I send this introductory letter to you. It is an honor to become the new Principal at Conn Active Learning and Technology Magnet Elementary School. I feel fortunate to take on the responsibility of leading and supporting a dynamic learning community while readying students for the future ahead. In addition, I look forward to partnering with parents and community members to establish a cohesive network that works collaboratively to support our students' and teachers' needs as we take Conn to new heights.



Before being appointed at Conn, I have had the opportunity to serve as an assistant principal at both Hunter GT/AIG Elementary and Leesville Road High School. I will be completing my 13th year in education all within Wake County School System. Before moving into school leadership I have previously worked in magnet schools as a teacher, technology area leader, and coach. I obtained my Bachelors of Arts Degree from Mars Hill University and my Masters degree in Educational Administration from North Carolina State University.

As a child with a parent in the Armed Forces, I was fortunate to be able to be a part of a diverse and culturally rich educational setting throughout our various stays both internationally and stateside. This life experience is one of the reasons that led me to magnet schools as an educator. My wife and I are proud parents of our three children, ages 22 months, 7, and 9. As a family, we enjoy traveling to the beach and mountains, along with being avid Florida State football fans. Go Noles!

As I transition to Conn in the coming weeks, I look forward to meeting and visiting with you. I feel confident that through our work and collaboration we will continue to build upon the strong foundation at Conn while ensuring to provide a rigorous, multi-faceted, and fun educational experience for every student and family that joins us in this journey.

Sincerely,

Gary Duvall