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Greetings Wiley Families,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I introduce myself as the newly appointed principal of Wiley Magnet Elementary School. I am joining Wiley with 16 years of experience in education and look forward to the years ahead growing and learning with the Wiley community. I join Wiley as a proud product of the Wake County Public School system who understands how the impact of strong teachers can change the trajectory of a child's life. As a graduate of Northwestern University and two-time graduate of North Carolina Central University, I am an avid reader and lifelong learner, constantly seeking new and innovative ways to collaborate with families and educators in order to sustain and accelerate the learning of our students.

In 2014, I had the awesome privilege to work as the instructional facilitator and assistant principal of Wiley for a very short period. It was at this time that I fell in love with Wiley's magnet theme, the staff and students, and its community. As a result, I could not resist the urge to return to the place that I once called home when hearing the principal position was available, and I am beyond grateful that I was chosen to lead such a prestigious staff and school community. I am extremely excited to return to a community that advocates for public education and every child's unique ability to learn and grow. As a former magnet school teacher and member of the Wiley staff, I recognize the dedication and support that is required from the community to grow and sustain a magnet theme such as the International Studies program.

I live by the quote, "people may forget what you say, forget what you did, but will never forget how you made them feel." So, it is my promise to work tirelessly to ensure that all students and their families feel like a valued member of this diverse community. It is therefore my commitment that every child at Wiley will learn and grow with staff who recognize and honor their gifts and talents. Wiley is truly a unique place where students are taught to be productive global citizens who value different cultures, learn new languages, and seek to make sustainable changes in our world, and it is important that they continue to thrive as we charter new and unfamiliar territory. You are essential to this work!

As lead learner of Wiley, I will learn the Wiley staff and students intimately, discovering the unique needs and strengths of this amazing community. I will work diligently to ensure that we continue to provide the highest level of instruction appropriate for every child who walks the halls of Wiley. As your child's principal, I will value, honor, and include the voices of this uniquely diverse community. I promise to support the outstanding families and staff that enjoy calling Wiley home, as we foster new and meaningful relationships. It is truly an honor to serve you as your next principal, and I look forward to meeting each of you as we continue the awesome legacy that is Wiley!

Sincerely,

Tracy Avery  
Soon to be Principal  
Wiley Magnet Elementary School