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Dear Ligon GT Magnet Middle School Parents and Community Members:

Congratulations to Gretta Dula on her appointment as principal of Sanderson High School. While she will be missed, I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well on her new journey. Transitions can be difficult at first, but they can also be very exciting. As we look forward to Ligon GT Magnet Middle's continued excellence, an interim principal will be appointed to lead Ligon GT Magnet Middle until a new principal is selected. WCPSS utilizes retired principals as interim principals. We draw from their many years of experience to provide continuity to the school during the selection process.

Ligon GT Magnet Middle has had many successes under the leadership of Ms. Dula, and it is important that we work together to find a leader who will support Ligon's continued growth. I am committed to hearing from all stakeholders and listening to what characteristics and leadership skills you would like to see in the next principal of Ligon GT Magnet Middle.

- **All parents and community members are invited to the Media Center on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to provide input regarding the characteristics you would like the new principal to possess.**

The information from the staff input meeting, as well as the information from the parent input meeting, will be used to develop a principal profile and a list of questions to be used during the applicant screening and selection process. This profile is a very important part of selecting the new principal.

As soon as the screening and interview process is complete, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Education.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, I invite you to provide input through email. Please send the characteristics you would like to see in the next principal to my assistant, Becky Scipien, at bscipien@wcpss.net. She will compile the comments for my review. In order to complete the list before interviews, please send your email by Wednesday, September 11, 2019. I look forward to working with you on this very important process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashlie", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ashlie Thompson, Ed.D.
Central Area Superintendent

C: Mr. Keith Sutton, Board of Education
Ms. Cathy Moore, Superintendent
Ms. Gretta Dula, Principal