Dear Roland Park Elementary Middle School Community,

I am honored to have been appointed to serve as one of the assistant principals at Roland Park Elementary Middle School, effective July 1, 2019. As you know, Roland Park Elementary Middle is such a special place. The students are some of the most talented, compassionate, creative, and insightful in the nation. I recently had a chance to observe a group of 6th grade students reciting personal monologues in Ms. Young’s ELA class. I was in awe of their artistry, vulnerability, and commitment to the assignment.

As we begin our partnership together, one of my primary goals will be ensuring that all students are provided a safe and nurturing learning environment in which their unique needs are met and celebrated. As an educator the most rewarding experience is seeing a student unlock or discover the magic within. I believe it’s our job as school leaders and educators to ensure that each student has an experience to cultivate and develop their best self. I appreciate the work done in previous years as it relates to closing the opportunity gap with a focus on racial equity. I will help lead that work as we ensure that all students are able to meet academic success. This includes providing intervention and acceleration opportunities to meet each student individualized need.

I am a Baltimore native and strongly believe in the power of community. We are stronger together and must lift as we climb. I am currently serving as resident principal of Hampstead Hill Academy and previously served as resident principal of Commodore John Rodgers Elementary Middle School. I have served in the district as a special educator and IEP chair. As a special educator, I worked to ensure that all students had a voice and agency. I have continued that work as an administrator as we must stay student-focused. I hold a bachelor’s degree from Coppin State University in history and master’s in special education from The College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

On a personal note, I live in Baltimore with my husband Robert, daughter Autumn, a rising 6th grader, and son Ayden, a rising 1st grader. In my spare time I love to travel, play with my kids, watch documentaries with my husband, and read on my porch swing. I recently took an interest in crocheting.

I am ready and excited to join the Roland Park Elementary School Community. I want to thank Principal Brown for her commitment and dedication to the Roland Park Elementary Middle School Community and for the opportunity to join the administrative team. I look forward to getting to know each of you.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to share more celebrations and stories. I can be reached at [npouncey@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:npouncey@bcps.k12.md.us).

Highest Regards,

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