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Dear Handley Staff:

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed principal of Handley Elementary School beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

As the incoming principal, it is my sincere pleasure and honor to serve our students, staff and community. I am also thrilled to be a part of the Garland ISD innovative Accelerating Campus Excellence (ACE) program and the opportunities for students that this program provides.

I know you have some decisions to make about whether or not you want to re-apply. I want to echo what was shared in Dr. López's letter to all staff this morning. All of you are valued staff members, and if you are ready to embrace the ACE model and work with me, I would like the chance to interview you. If you decide the best course of action for you is to look at other opportunities in the district, I support you in that endeavor and know that we are fortunate to have you remain in Garland ISD. Either way, I owe each of you my thanks and appreciation for the strong foundation you have created at Handley and the progress you have made with the children here. Any achievement in the future will be, in part, due to your efforts and dedication.

In case your decision depends upon knowing more about me, I'd like to share a bit about my background with you. I am a lifelong learner and servant-leader who has advocated for students for 28 years. I began my career as a teacher in Dallas ISD and later moved into the counselor role in Dallas ISD and then in Garland ISD. My leadership experience is all here in Garland ISD. I have served the district as assistant principal at Giddens-Steadham Elementary and as principal at multiple campuses including Bradfield Elementary, Giddens-Steadham Elementary, Hillside Academy and currently, Lister Elementary. I am eager to apply all these years of experience and successful campus leadership to implement the ACE program at Handley.

Our greatest initiative will be to work together to achieve the academic, social and emotional goals of the ACE model. I assure you that Handley staff will inspire and challenge students with engaging experiences in the classroom, preparing them for their future. We will provide students with opportunities to grow, learn and reach their full potential as happy and productive citizens.

