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Dear Thundercat Families,

I am honored to join the Ronald Thornton Middle School family as your new principal. As a Sienna resident, I have observed the significant growth at Thornton over the past five years and believe in the school's unlimited potential for greatness. I am incredibly optimistic and appreciative for this opportunity to be directly involved in the success of our community and to watch your students thrive for years to come.

My educational experiences include being a successful school administrator, teacher leader, and student of education. I served as the principal of Walker Station Elementary in FBISD for the past six years. Prior to my principalship, I began my career teaching elementary students in Houston ISD, then became a middle school math teacher, math department chair, and junior high assistant principal in Pearland ISD. Throughout my career, I have always valued being a lifelong learner and most recently obtained a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of Houston – Go Coogs!

My passion for education began long ago as a child and clearly runs in my family – my father was a middle school principal and my mother was an elementary school librarian in central Texas. I spent endless hours sitting in my father's office as a child dreaming of becoming a principal someday. As fate would have it, history will repeat itself for my family this year as my 6th grade son will join me as a Thundercat this fall, and my 4th grade son will not be long after. I look forward to partnering with you as we navigate life as middle school parents together.

As the principal of Ronald Thornton Middle School, my ultimate role is to serve all stakeholders. It is my goal to collaborate with parents/guardians, teachers, students, and the community to ensure a safe and nurturing learning environment where high expectations are maintained. I will serve as your advocate to instill a tradition of excellence that was conceptualized by the community five years ago.

It truly is a privilege to serve as your new principal, and I cannot wait to get started. I will schedule a "Meet and Greet" opportunity shortly as I transition to Thornton in July. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,



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