



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chancellor

April 2nd, 2018

Dear Excel Academy School Community:

As we move into the spring of School Year 2017-2018, I want you to be informed about changes coming to the Excel Academy school community in the coming months. This summer, Excel Academy will transition to join the DC Public Schools (DCPS) school system. DCPS is excited for Excel Academy to join the district as one of its newest schools and as DCPS' first all-girls school. We look forward to building on the great work that is happening at the campus alongside the school community during this time of transition. As a part of this transition, we wanted to move quickly in sharing future plans for the campus. It is my pleasure to share that starting on June 25th, Tenia Pritchard will be joining Excel Academy as the Principal of the campus.

Prior to joining Excel Academy, Ms. Pritchard was the Principal at Whittier Education Campus in DCPS. Ms. Pritchard has served the Whittier community for 16 of her 18 years with DC Public Schools, holding the positions of Teacher, Dean of Students, and Assistant Principal before assuming the Principal role. This year, Ms. Pritchard was named DCPS Principal of the Year as a part of the Standing Ovation Awards for DCPS. A DCPS graduate, Principal Pritchard received her Bachelor's in English from the University of Maryland at College Park. She has a Master's in elementary education from Trinity University, a certificate in educational leadership from Bowie State University, and her Master's in Business Administration from Georgetown University. She is currently completing her doctorate in educational leadership with Bowie State University.

I'm confident that Ms. Pritchard will strive for excellence and equity every day, continue to build on the successes at Excel, and do great things for students, families, and staff. Ms. Pritchard is excited to begin her new role. I hope you will give her your warm welcome and support as she partners with you to lead your children toward success. We invite you to join DCPS for a transition update meeting for current Excel families and staff on Monday, April 2nd at 5:30 PM. We are also creating a Parent Advisory Group to act as representatives for the Excel parent community to advise DCPS leadership. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Group, please contact Sharona Robinson at Sharona.Robinson@dc.gov or (202) 423 - 5091. Your voice is an important component to this process and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Respectfully,

Dr. Amanda Alexander
Interim Chancellor