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Dear Kelly School Community,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Victoria Pressley has accepted the position of Principal of the J.B. Kelly School. Dr. Pressley was most recently the Principal for Kenderton Elementary School; she has also served as the Principal of both Gideon and McCloskey. In addition to her experience as a principal she has been both a Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment and an Assistant Superintendent.

While at Kenderton Dr. Pressley developed attendance incentives to promote and maintain high levels of attendance through school –wide initiatives, she created non-traditional schedules to support small class size and intervention initiatives, and she restructured climate and culture systems to support academic achievement and ensure school safety.

She implemented a School Redesign Model to focus on STEM and Trauma Informed Care Practices, initiated a Saturday Academy program with extra support, enrichment, and extracurricular components that led to an increase in student achievement, and improved parental involvement by providing opportunities for parents to participate in the decision-making process around the school's budget, instructional program and community partnerships.

Dr. Pressley has always created and maintained an atmosphere in which academic excellence and a collaborative culture is expected. Dr. Pressley supports the professional growth of teachers and staff in a differentiated manner based on identifying needs and individual goals through classroom visits, modeling, and coaching.



I am confident that Dr. Pressley will continue the excellent work already being done at the Kelly School.

Best,

Kimberly Newman, Assistant Superintendent