



**SOAR Academy**  
School of Opportunities, Achievement, & Results  
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Greetings, Students and Parents:

As the new Director of SOAR Academy (formerly Burghard Opportunity Center), I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to each of you. I have worked in the Bibb County School District for the past fifteen years and served as the principal of Morgan Elementary School for the past six years. I am passionate about ensuring that every student has an opportunity to be successful, and it is my goal to ensure that *ALL* of you are given that very opportunity!

This year will be an exciting year for us, as we transition to the **Hutchings Building** located at **2011 Riverside Drive**. I would like to be able to meet all of my students and parents and would like to invite you to attend our **OPEN HOUSE**, which will be held on Wednesday, **July 27, 2016** from **4:00-6:00pm**. During that time, you will also be able to meet your teachers and attend a brief Orientation session to provide an overview of important information for this school year.

In addition to being in a **NEW LOCATION**, we will also be on a **NEW SCHEDULE**. Our school hours will be from **8:20am - 2:20pm**. If you plan to ride the school bus, then it is also important for you to know that the district has identified **NEW BUS ROUTES** for our program, which are community bus stops for you to be picked up from and dropped off. Please complete the **Alternative Pre-Request for Transportation Form** that is included as an attachment along with this letter, which shows the locations of the community bus stops. You will need to circle or place a check next to the stop that you would like to be picked up from and dropped off. You may only choose **ONE** stop. This form needs to be completed and returned to the front office **PRIOR** to the first day of school (**Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>**) in order for you to be issued a bus pass to ensure that you will be able to ride the bus on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Furthermore, a copy of our **NEW DRESSCODE/UNIFORM POLICY** is also attached so that you will have it as a reference when purchasing school uniforms for this school year. We look forward to seeing you on **July 27<sup>th</sup>** at 4pm for **Open House**. I look forward to working with you this school year as we *SOAR* to new heights together!

With warmest regards,

***Terese Martin***

Dr. Terese Martin, Director