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Greetings, Students and Parents:

As the new Director of SOAR Academy, 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, the PLC program will be one of the two programs served under SOAR Academy, and this will be an exciting year for us. 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, <u>July 27</u>, <u>2016</u> from <u>4:00-6:00pm</u>. During that time, you will also be able to attend a Orientation session to provide an overview of important information for this school year.

The **NEW SCHEDULE** for the PLC program will be **Monday-Friday** from <u>8:20am - 1:50pm</u>. If you plan to ride the school bus, then you will ride the bus from your neighborhood bus stop to your **home school** and will then change buses to board the bus that goes to **Hutchings College & Career Academy** located on Anthony Road. This bus will then transport you to SOAR Academy after the Hutchings College & Career Academy students are dropped off. However, bus transportation will <u>not</u> be available until Monday, <u>August 8th</u>.

Therefore, the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** for <u>ALL</u> students enrolled in the **PLC program** will be on Monday, <u>August 8th</u> instead of August 1st. You will <u>not</u> be penalized or counted absent from **Aug. 1st-5th**, and you will <u>not</u> have any missed assignments that you will need to later make-up.

In addition, the PLC students will be **required** to wear school uniforms this year. A copy of our **NEW DRESSCODE/UNIFORM POLICY** is attached so that you will have it as a reference. I look forward to seeing you on **July 27**th at 4pm for **Open House** and working with you this school year as we *SOAR* to new heights together!

With warmest regards,

<u> Terese Martin</u>

Dr. Terese Martin, Director