



Phenix City Elementary School

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Dear Phenix City Elementary Families,

My name is Jake Golden, IV and I am proud to introduce myself as the new principal of Phenix City Elementary School. I am honored to have been selected to continue our work within Phenix City Schools, which is “pursuing excellence on behalf of every student in every school.” Over the past 20 years, I have worked as a teacher and administrator, but I consider my most important roles to be a role model and community leader. I will spend much time with your children, getting to know their personalities, learning styles, and interests. I plan to celebrate with them all successes, small and large. I will encourage them daily and model a lifestyle of excellence and professionalism. They will be valued and have a front seat in our school community.

Not only am I excited about working with your children, but I look forward to the work we will do together. My lifestyle is patterned after the Ubuntu African Philosophy, which means I am because we are. I am myself through others. This supports my motto, “If I EXCEL and you EXCEL then we EXCEL together.” I am passionate about growing people and communities. I look forward to all of us growing together. Leadership seminars, parenting help sessions, educational training, and Hawk Haven meetings are a few of the avenues of growth that I would like to incorporate into our school culture.

My goal is that all children are safe, happy, healthy, and excited so they may learn as much as they can. This has been my goal since I began teaching Kindergarten in the Muscogee County School District in 2000. I have taught in elementary schools for eight years (grades K, 3, 4, and 5). I have served in school administration in Georgia on every level (elementary, middle, and high schools). I have also been a K-12 principal before coming to Phenix City as the Alternative Programs Coordinator, which I have served for two years. School leadership is not foreign to me. I have received countless numbers of leadership and mentorship awards. I currently serve as Pastor of a growing church in Georgia. However by far my greatest achievement comes not professionally, but personally, as I am a father of a beautiful and talented little girl named Caylah Simone (10). Anyone that knows me knows that she is the apple of my eye. I have been told that I treat all children like they are my own so know that I am one of your child’s greatest advocates. They will have the best experiences possible while at Phenix City Elementary School.

Once again, I am grateful to have the opportunity to bring all I have experienced and learned with me to your wonderful school community. I look forward to getting to know you and your children. I will be working most days this summer to ensure a smooth transition and opening in August. We will have a Virtual Meet & Greet soon and our new administration team will send out a Screencastify this summer for introductory purposes.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Jake Golden, IV

Phenix City Elementary Principal