

June 6, 2023

Dear John F. Kennedy High School Students, Staff and Community,

This morning, the Montgomery County Board of Education appointed Ms. Vickie Adamson as the next principal of John F. Kennedy High School, effective July 1, 2023. Ms. Adamson is currently serving as assistant principal at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in MCPS and was selected for this next role due to her visionary leadership, her outstanding instructional leadership, and her commitment to equity and excellence for all of her students and staff.

The principal selection process began in February 2023, once it was announced that Dr. Joe L. Rubens, Jr. had been appointed by the Montgomery County Board of Education as a Director of School Support and Well-being, effective July 1, 2023. During the process, I held meetings with students, staff and community members to solicit feedback on the characteristics you all desired in the next great leader of John F. Kennedy High School. You shared a desire to have a principal who is committed to equity and academic excellence, collaborative leadership, and strong culture and climate. You also indicated a desire for a visionary leader who could elevate the school and its programs to the next level, building off of the leadership and vision of Dr. Rubens.

On March 14, 2023, and May 16, 2023, a group of John F. Kennedy High School students, staff and community members joined me on an interview panel where we had the opportunity to hear from a large group of highly-qualified candidates. The feedback from these panels was elevated to Dr. Monifa McKnight, Superintendent of Schools in Montgomery County, and she then held interviews with the finalists for the position. Dr. McKnight chose to recommend Ms. Adamson to the Board of Education as the next principal of John F. Kennedy High School, and the Board subsequently approved that recommendation.

In the near future, Ms. Adamson will be hosting meet and greets with the community to allow students, staff and community members the opportunity to get to know her and to begin to build the strong relationships that will be the foundation for John F. Kennedy High School's future. Information will be coming out soon about these opportunities, and I look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions that I can answer in the meantime, please contact me at [Gregory C. Mullenholz@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Gregory_C_Mullenholz@mcpsmd.org). I look forward to working with you and Ms. Adamson during this transition, and I am confident that we will be able to work together and continue the history of excellence at your school.

Sincerely,



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Director, School Support and Well-Being