April 16, 2019

Dear Waggoner Road Junior High School Families, Staff and Students,

As you know, with the creation of our new Freshman Experience, Mrs. Breen Slauter, current Principal, will transition to Assistant Principal for The 9X Impact housed at Reynoldsburg High School's Livingston Campus at the start of the 19-20 school year. We have used our time since her announcement to identify her replacement at Waggoner Road Junior High School. I am excited to announce that Dr. Twana Black will assume the role of your new Principal starting at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

Dr. Black’s goal is to serve as the leader in an environment that fosters the preparation of students for a global society mirroring the District's long-term initiatives. She is a multifaceted educator with more than 17 years of experience in diverse communities. She is adept in problem solving and building collaborative working environments. This passion served as the emphasis of her doctoral studies on teaming and team teaching. This research was driven by a desire to identity research strategies or initiatives emphasizing best practices that help to build a positive culture and climate around school teams or teaming relationships.

“The opportunity to lead Waggoner Road Junior High School is a true honor and privilege. I am excited to meet and work with the exceptional students, staff, parents, community members, and the Reynoldsburg leadership,” said Dr. Black.

Currently, Dr. Black serves the Lead Assistant Administrator at Pickerington High School Central in Pickerington, Ohio. Prior to her role there, she worked in the Columbus City School District and has experience at the collegiate level as an adjunct professor at Columbus State Community College, DeVry Community College, and more.

Dr. Black has a Bachelor of Science in Communication from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She earned a Master’s in Secondary Mathematics Education from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and an Ed. D in Educational Policy and Leadership from the University of Phoenix.

Dr. Black is married to Rev. Trevor L. Black. They have three children Taylor, Tylor, and Ty, ages 16, 14, and 11, respectively and a beautiful 6-month-old English bulldog named ‘Bubba’. She is an active volunteer in her church community and spiritedly involved with her sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. In her spare time, she loves to travel, make jewelry, and use her Cricut for t-shirt making and a multitude of other projects.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Black to our District and to Waggoner Road Junior High School. I know she will empower our staff, be an advocate for our students, and be a change agent for the District.

Sincerely,

Melvin J. Brown
Superintendent
Reynoldsburg City Schools