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October 5, 2018

Dear Pine Hills Elementary School Families:

It is my great pleasure to introduce Tia Corniel as the new principal of Pine Hills Elementary School. Ms. Corniel will replace Vibetta Sanders beginning Tuesday, Oct. 9. As you know, Ms. Sanders has accepted a new position with the City School District of Albany focused on culturally responsive education and equity practices.

Ms. Corniel is transferring to Pine Hills from Edmund J. O'Neal Middle School of Excellence, where she has served as an assistant principal since O'Neal opened at the start of the 2017-18 school year. She is an experienced educational leader, having served as principal of Albany's Brighter Choice Charter Elementary School for Girls from 2014-16. She also served as the academic dean at Albany Leadership Charter High School for Girls from 2011-14, and as a science teacher at Albany Leadership prior to that.

We believe that Ms. Corniel will partner with Assistant Principal Zipporah Galimore and the entire Pine Hills community to sustain those programs that you value. That includes the school's commitment to developing the leadership skills of all students through the "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" philosophy, and to educating the whole child by ensuring their social and academic needs are met. Ms. Corniel also is committed to working together with all stakeholders in the Pine Hills community to evaluate new programs and practices that will strengthen the school moving forward.

Thank you for your continued support of your school. While we recognize that this change in leadership at the start of the school year presents challenges, we also believe Ms. Corniel is the type of leader who will work in collaboration with the Pine Hills community. It takes all of us working together so that every one of us may be successful in the lives of our children.

Yours in education,

Kaweeda G. Adams
Superintendent

VISION STATEMENT

The City School District of Albany will be a district of excellence with caring relationships and engaging learning experiences that provide equitable opportunities for all students to reach their potential.

MISSION STATEMENT

We will work in partnership with our diverse community to engage every learner in a robust educational program designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for success.