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Dear West Seattle Elementary Community:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Vicki Sacco as the new principal for West Seattle Elementary School.

Vicki Sacco has been an educator for 15 years in Brevard County Schools, an area of east-central Florida that includes the Kennedy Space Center. She taught intermediate grades at Croton Elementary School and became the assistant principal at Croton in 2000. In 2005, she was promoted to principal at Riverview Elementary School. During her tenure at Riverview, the school has earned Florida's highest school rating of "A" for three consecutive years and consistently scores an "A" or "B".

We believe that Ms. Sacco's leadership traits and experience match what West Seattle Elementary's Transformation Design Team prioritized as essential for leading the school towards its ambitious goals. Those essentials include:

- understanding the world of teaching, to better support strong performance from all staff;
- experience transforming a school with similar characteristics into a high-achieving school;
- skill in building positive, understanding relationships with families of all races, cultures, languages and economics;
- expertise in providing instructional leadership to enhance teachers' effectiveness; and
- ability to handle challenging student situations for positive outcomes and to make each classroom the best possible learning environment for all children.

Ms. Sacco's professional preparation includes a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Florida Atlantic University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank your former principal, Ms. Gayle Everly, for her commitment to students, staff and families.

I especially appreciate the positive learning community that you have built at West Seattle Elementary, and look forward to continued success for all students.

Sincerely,

Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D.
Superintendent