



December 3, 2021

Dear MLK Parents,

We wanted to inform you of a change in leadership at MLK College Prep. Our current principal, Dr. Rodney Peterson will be stepping down from his role as principal due to unexpected personal issues. His last day will be December 31.

Dr. Peterson has been a part of the Frayser Community Schools family since 2017—working as an assistant principal at MLK College Prep, principal of Westside Middle School, and now principal of MLK College Prep.

*"While I've enjoyed my time at MLK and was looking forward to a great school year, unfortunately some personal issues have come up that need my attention at this time. I will always be a supporter of FCS and part of the FCS family. It has been a pleasure to serve the families of Frayser and work alongside a group of amazing educators." - Dr. Rodney Peterson*

While the MLK and FCS family will miss Dr. Peterson, we are understanding and supportive of his decision.

Beginning January 2, 2022 (the first day of the new semester), MLK's current assistant principal, Chiquita Perry will serve as the interim principal until at least the end of the school year. Perry has been part of the FCS family for years serving as a teacher and instructional coach. We are confident that her knowledge, along with her commitment and dedication to our students and families will allow us to continue upholding the FCS mission at MLK College Prep.

While leadership changes happen at all schools, we understand that change of any kind may elicit questions or concerns. We want to be sure that our families are aware of any changes that may occur, while also providing the opportunity to address any questions or concerns.

At the onset of next semester, we will send additional communication as Ms. Perry begins her role as interim principal. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the school at 901.567.9224 or our network office at 901.440.4011.

As always, thank you for allowing us to be partners in your child's education.