

## Important message from Harriet Tubman, Assistant Principal-Lavell Wood

Dear Harriet Tubman Community:

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to you to let you know of my transition from the role of Assistant Principal of Harriet Tubman Middle School. I have been honored to serve the students, families, and educators at Harriet Tubman Middle School, and have gained much strength and knowledge of how to care for, support and celebrate such a diverse community. As of July 1, 2020, I will serve as an elementary school Principal with the Reynolds School District.

To the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and families, it has been a pleasure working as your grade level administrator. I am thankful for your trust to ensure your students were heard and seen through the ups and downs of entering middle school. To the entire Harriet Tubman community I want to say thank you. Words cannot fully express the growth, professionally and personally, I have experienced these past two years. I will miss the daily interactions with students, listening to their excitement and challenges of being in middle school. I admire their ability and willingness to express to me the support they require as well as offering support when they see I was having a hard day.

The students are why I do this work and the support from you, the families and stakeholders, is how I stay in this work. I am confident that the HTMS community will continue to thrive, building on the foundation you have all helped to create.

I will be working with our Senior Director, Dr. Corey Seymour and our school principal, Mrs. Natasha Jackson, to transition a new administrative team into HTMS. If you have any questions for Dr. Seymour, please reach out to his administrative assistant, Debbie Mabe at dmabe@pps.net.

I have been honored to serve as one of the Assistant Principals of Harriet Tubman Middle School. I sincerely appreciate all of the support you have extended to me over the past two years. I wish you all great success in the future.

With gratitude,

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Lavell Wood – Assistant Principal