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## **Announcing the New Principal at Lane Middle School, Dr. Sherree Thomas-Coleman**

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Dear Lane Middle School Community:

I am pleased to announce that Sherree Thomas-Coleman, Ph.D, will be the new principal at Lane Middle School.

Sherree has been an educator for two decades, starting in Houston Texas. She joined PPS in 2015 and comes to Lane from Benson Polytechnic High School, where she has been a college counselor and testing coordinator. Sherree has extensive experience as a classroom teacher and as a counselor, in elementary school, high school and college.



*Dr. Sherree Thomas-Coleman*

She began her career as an elementary school teacher in Houston. She was a high school counselor for seven years and then spent one year as an academic coach at Texas State University, San Marcos. She has served a variety of roles at PPS. She has been a counselor at Benson since 2016. She has also been Vice Principal of Student Management and Safety and Vice Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at the PPS Summer Scholars Program.

Sherree has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Houston, a master's degree in counseling from Prairie View A&M and a Ph.D in educational psychology from Walden University, where she wrote a dissertation titled "The Effects of Principal Leadership Behavior on New Teachers' Overall Job Satisfaction."

Please join me in welcoming Principal Thomas-Coleman to the Lane community.

Dr. Cheryl Proctor,  
Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and School Communities