

**Dillard Elementary**

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Dear Team,

Over the past 12 years, it has been a privilege and an honor to be a part of the Dillard Family. It's with a heavy heart that I announce my last day at Dillard will be Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. An exciting leadership opportunity has presented itself and I accepted the challenge. Pending School Board Approval on August 16, 2022, I will be appointed as the new Principal of North Fork Elementary School. Although this is bittersweet, I can truly say, I'm leaving Dillard a better leader than I started. The times we've shared are priceless and you've been a constant source of strength, motivation, and joy.

I walked into Dillard Elementary with dreams of walking in my purpose as a leader, an educator, and a woman. Dillard became my second home, while all of you became my extended family. You have been there for me through so many joyous occasions and milestones in my life. I'm humbled to have grown through our time together. I leave Dillard with a genuine appreciation for the support and assistance you have provided to me during my time in the Eagles Nest. My faith in you, our scholars, and the school community will forever live in my heart. I'm sad to leave you all, however, I know that you will continue to do everything in excellence. I'm proud of the achievements we've accomplished as a team, and I know it will assist me in my leadership journey. I will be at the school on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon if anyone would like to stop by.

Remember, YOU are the BEST school, with the BEST faculty, and the BEST staff. Good, Better, BEST, never let it rest, until your good is your better and your better is your BEST!!!  
#Soar Eagles!

With love and admiration,  
Gretchen Atkins-Brown