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Dear Walter P. Carter Elementary School Community,

My name is Joseph Eldridge, and it is with great honor and excitement that I introduce myself as your principal. I am a native of Baltimore, Maryland and a Baltimore City Public Schools alumnus. I have served as an educational/ career counselor for military spouses, music teacher, special educator, ELA coach, professional development chair, and principal. I hold a Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in education from Norfolk State University, and a Master of Science in educational leadership from McDaniel College.

I find joy in gaining/strengthening my understanding of neuroscience, especially as it relates to cognition and instruction, as well as human behavior. The essential question driving this passion is "What tools does one need to unlock and leverage their fullest potential at their own will and become heroes of their own stories?". I love problem solving, learning new things and tasks that require critical, outside of the box thinking. I pride myself on being a reflective individual who is optimistic and adaptive. I believe that effective leadership structures make room for healthy collaboration; healthy collaboration is a catalyst for innovation; and a combination of the three make for sustainable growth and school improvement.

It is my hope that during my tenure here at WPC Elementary/ Middle School, our team will continue to strengthen our legacy of collaboration, innovation, and leadership, while building/ strengthening our legacy of high instructional expectations and academic achievement. I desire to send our students into high schools feeling confident and whole.

With love and hope,

Joseph N. Eldridge, *Principal*

