



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Lakewood Elementary Families:

I am pleased to announce that **Mr. Keith Carpenter** has accepted the offer to lead Lakewood Elementary School. Mr. Carpenter was one of 45 applicants and the top choice after the interview cycle. Mr. Carpenter holds a BA in Education and an MA in Educational Leadership and has served most recently as the principal at our Early Childhood Center. Mr. McMillen is retiring on January 31 after 30 distinguished years of service at Lakewood.

Mrs. Jodi Duits, currently teaching 3rd grade at LES, will be stepping in as the interim principal at our Early Childhood Center through the remainder of this year. Mrs. Duits holds a BS in Education and an MA in Educational Leadership. She began teaching at Lakewood in 2001 and acted as an administrative substitute for Mr. McMillen in his absence. A proper search and permanent fill will be conducted this spring for a LECC principal. We are in the process of securing a **qualified teacher** to step in and finish the year in Mrs. Duits' classroom.

Over the next few weeks we are working to establish a very smooth transition for both buildings and Mrs. Duits' classroom.

Best regards,

Randall J. Fleenor
Superintendent