

April 11, 2016

Dear Wyngate Elementary School Staff and Community,

Mrs. Barbara J. Leister, principal, has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2016. Mrs. Leister has served Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and Wyngate Elementary School for the past 29 years. Prior to joining MCPS in 1987, Mrs. Leister spent many years abroad as an educator. Mrs. Leister began her work as a teacher, league facilitator, and staff development specialist in California, Virginia, the International School of Bangkok, Thailand, and as principal of Singapore American School. Mrs. Leister has made numerous contributions to the school system and your school. I am sure you join me in wishing Mrs. Leister every success in her new, and very well deserved, retirement.

I will meet with Wyngate families and staff on April 19, 2016, to discuss the process of filling this important principalship. At the meeting, I will discuss the selection process with everyone in greater detail and will communicate the schedule of activities leading up to the selection of the new principal. It is expected that a new principal will be identified in late May and begin formally on July 1, 2016.

I join you in applauding Mrs. Leister on her wonderful service to Montgomery County Public Schools, in congratulating her, and wishing her well.

Respectfully,

Sarah E. Sirgo, Ph.D.
Acting Director of School Support and
Improvement of Elementary Schools