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Dear Montessori School 31 Families and Community,

I am truly honored to introduce myself as the interim principal of Montessori School 31. My name is Rita Morehead, and I'm thrilled to join this vibrant community. I look forward to getting to know all of you and working together to ensure the best possible experience for our students.

I bring with me over 40 years of experience in education, with 20 of those years proudly serving as a principal here in Yonkers. I started my career as a teacher in Brooklyn and later led schools through periods of growth and success. I'm particularly proud of helping one school move off the state's review list and into good standing within my first year as principal. From 2000 to 2017, I had the privilege of leading School 17, where my staff and I worked hard to build a warm, supportive, and successful school community.

After retiring, I continued working with Yonkers Public Schools, mentoring teachers and principals and even stepping in to support schools as needed. It's a joy for me to help others succeed and to see my former students thriving – many of whom now serve our district in various roles.

To me, working in education is more than a job – it's a calling. I care deeply about building strong relationships with students, staff, and families. My door is always open, and I encourage you to reach out with any questions, or concerns. Together, we can make Montessori School 31 a place where every student feels valued, supported, and inspired to achieve their best.

Thank you for welcoming me into your community. I'm excited to begin this journey with all of you and to lead the school through this transitional period as we work towards identifying a permanent leader who will continue to build on the strong foundation we have here.

Warmly,

Rita Morehead Interim Principal

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