

Good Morning PHMS Stakeholders,

It has been previously shared with 8th grade parents that the current 8th grade ELA (English Language Arts) teacher Ms. Jones-Toney has accepted an administrative level position with another school district. While we celebrate her professional promotion, we obviously understand the immediate impact this has for our students.

ELA is among the most important content areas and we will do everything necessary and possible to locate and employ a teacher as soon as possible. In the interim, these classes will be taught by a long-term substitute teacher under the supervision and guidance of our ELA/Social Studies Facilitator, Ms. Adrian Booker. As the DeFacto leader of the English Department, Ms. Booker will be in the best position to assist with the provision of required content and quality learning experiences. **Learning will continue.**

We have already begun our search for a permanent replacement for 8th grade ELA. Obviously, this is not an ideal time for this endeavor, but we are vigorously moving forward with our search for the right replacement.

In advance, I thank you for your support, understanding, and patience during this challenging time.

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