

## **A Message from Dr. Furr, Interim Principal, 3/30**

Dear Parents and Guardians of Sedgefield Scholars:

I wanted to touch base with you today, although I may not have met you personally, to express my gratitude for the opportunity to work for your scholars since late February. Having recently retired from my 13-year principalship at South Mecklenburg High School, it has been a significant change for me and one that I have enjoyed immensely.

The community of Sedgefield Middle School is one that is focused on finding the best ways to serve the scholars who attend the school, and that is apparent in everyone with whom I have worked, teachers and cafeteria staff, custodians and administrators. Serving a group of scholars with a wide range of experiences, talents and needs, the staff is dedicated to making the most of every day with your scholars.

The current health crisis has been something none of us could have imagined, and while it has prevented me from interacting with your students as much as I would have liked, it has shown me a side of the school and community that is very special. Whether making sure that food is available to those who need it to setting up a process to provide technology to students, to actually delivering that technology to those who could not pick it up, teachers and staff have gone above and beyond in finding ways to serve. When we return to a more normal circumstance, I encourage you to look for the outreach and kindness I have seen evident not only in unusual circumstances but in everyday interaction with our scholars.

Tomorrow I turn over the leadership of SMS to your new principal, Ms. Sheena Miracle, who is anxious to meet you all and to begin the important work of leadership for instruction. She brings experience and a can-do attitude that I know will serve the community and its children well. I am confident that as you come to know her, you will agree that she is uniquely qualified and motivated to take Sedgefield Middle to a whole new level of excellence.

I will continue to be involved in the background, providing support for the next few months, so I look forward to seeing the next steps that will be taken at the school. I thank you for the honor and privilege of serving your families and am confident that the best is yet to come! Stay home for now, stay healthy and safe, and know that you are in very good hands!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Furr, EdD