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Dear Parents, Families, and Friends of Stevens Early Learning Center,

As we prepare for the opening of the Stevens Early Learning Center in the fall, I am excited to announce that **Amelia L. Hunt** has been selected as principal. She is looking forward to welcoming the inaugural class of the Stevens Early Learning Center to a new school in a newly modernized building for the 2020-2021 School Year! At DC Public Schools (DCPS), our vision is to inspire and empower lifelong learners by addressing their academic, social, and emotional needs, and we are so excited Principal Hunt will be at the helm of this work for our newest school.

Amelia L. Hunt's enthusiasm for children and their development underscores her strong belief in meeting the needs of all learners. As a third-generation educator and school administrator, her dedicated, innovative leadership has resulted in expanded community partnerships, a positive school climate, increased family engagement and, most significantly, high student achievement. As principal of Lee Hall Early Childhood Center in Newport News, VA, from 2011 to 2014, Principal Hunt guided the staff through a total curriculum revision and established the school's first library. She transitioned to the leadership role at Denbigh Early Childhood Center in 2014, also in Newport News, where she led the development of a school garden and outdoor classroom that has garnered recognition throughout the Tidewater region.

Principal Hunt continued her focus on excellence for children as principal at General Stanford Elementary School (GSES), a K-5 school located on Ft. Eustis military base, where she partnered with Armed Services YMCA to initiate GSES' Operation Hero after-school program for military-connected children. Principal Hunt earned her bachelor's degree in English Literature from the University of Virginia and holds a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education.

I look forward to supporting Principal Hunt and the entire Stevens Early Learning Center family in preparation for next school year. As Principal Hunt transitions to her new role this month, please visit the Stevens website at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/stevenselc">bit.ly/stevenselc</a> for more information or you can contact me via email at <a href="mailto:kim.Jackson@k12.dc.gov">kim.Jackson@k12.dc.gov</a> with any questions.

Sincerely,

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