



July 7, 2009

Dear staff, students, and families of Madison Middle School:

I am writing to let you know about a leadership change at Madison Middle School.

Dr. Jill Hudson, your current principal, has been appointed as principal of Nathan Hale High School. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Henterson Carlisle, who has been assistant principal at Madison for the past two years, has been appointed as your interim principal. Both appointments are effective immediately.

Mr. Carlisle's extensive classroom and school experience, the strong educational leadership that he has demonstrated, and his knowledge of the Madison community make him an excellent match for the role of interim principal. Mr. Carlisle has worked in Seattle Public Schools as an assistant principal and teacher for eleven years and is committed to academic success for all children.

Mr. Carlisle has four years of administrative experience, including two years as the assistant principal at Madison Middle School. He was an assistant principal and teacher at the African American Academy for five years and at Madrona K-8 for three years. Mr. Carlisle is an ardent advocate for students and he is committed to continuing the strong program and traditions that have been established at Madison. In his time at Madison, Mr. Carlisle has been an excellent instructional leader and effective team-builder, establishing strong family and community relationships that engage all stakeholders in the school.

Mr. Carlisle's professional preparation includes a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Portland State University, teacher certification K-12 from Antioch University, principal certification through the Danforth Program at the University of Washington, and a Masters in Education from the University of Washington.

Dr. Hudson has been an effective leader for your school and I want to take this opportunity to thank her for her commitment to students, staff and families.

I especially appreciate the positive learning community that you have built at Madison Middle School, and look forward to continued success for all students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "J".

Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D.
Superintendent