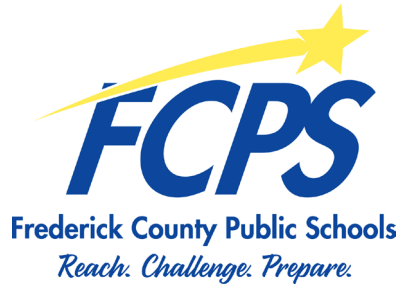


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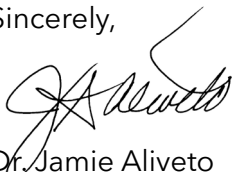
Dear Ms. Jablonsky,

Principal Hobbs elevated your May 30, 2024 letter regarding the Pledge of Allegiance at Twin Ridge Elementary School to my office. I am responding on behalf of Ms. Hobbs.

On April 26, 2024, Ms. Hobbs shared a communication with her staff that included a message regarding participation in the Pledge of Allegiance. This message included inaccurate information.

Ms. Hobbs offered a clarifying message to her staff on May 31, 2024 to ensure there is understanding that while we can require participation in the Pledge of Allegiance, we *must allow* anyone who chooses not to participate the right to make that choice. In addition, the same message was shared with all Frederick County Public Schools administrators to ensure appropriate application of the law as it relates to the Pledge of Allegiance in our public schools.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jamie Aliveto
Chief of Schools and Accountability

cc: Heather Hobbs, Principal, Twin Ridge Elementary School
Neeley Miller, Assistant Principal, Twin Ridge Elementary School