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FAST Community:

As many of you know by now, our beloved Principal Beiner will be retiring at the end of the school year after more than 22 years in public education. On behalf of the Fulton Academy of Science and Technology (FAST) Governing Board and the Principal Search Committee, we are delighted to announce that Dr. Kay Williams will be the next Principal of FAST starting July 1, 2022.

Dr. Williams brings a wealth of experiences and expertise in STEM education to FAST. She began her career as a preschool and kindergarten teacher in Illinois and has worked diligently to serve and educate children from preschool to college. Dr. Williams has served as a Master Teacher, Instructional Specialist, Assistant Principal and Principal. As Principal, she has successfully led schools with students in grades K-8. She has international experience as a founding Principal of a kindergarten school whose emphasis was on language immersion and STEM. Her most recent administrative role was as a Principal of a K-8 STEM Leadership Academy, and she now serves as a STEM educator in a Georgia Public School System. In this role, she designed the curriculum and instructional framework for the Butts County Schools' first STEM Lab.

Dr. Williams has a Master's degree in General Studies, a Specialist's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and a Doctoral degree in Instructional Leadership. Additionally, she holds certifications in Educational Leadership, Instructional Supervision, Elementary Education, and Middle Grades Education. Dr. Williams has a Teacher Support and Coaching Endorsement.

The process for selecting our next leader was spearheaded by the Principal Search Committee, using feedback from our stakeholders. After interviewing several candidates, it became evident that Dr. Williams has a unique combination of leadership skills and ability to collaborate effectively with teachers, parents, students, and the community. In addition, she truly understands what we mean by Design Thinking and Failing Forward.

Dr. Williams will be working with Principal Beiner, his staff, and the Search Committee for a smooth transition. The Governing Board would like to thank Principal Beiner for his steadfast dedication to FAST. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Williams as our next Principal.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Akpan  
Chair, FAST Governing Board

Dr. Karen Doty  
Chair, Principal Search Committee