

# Aspiring Principals Webinar

## Preparing for the Principalship

Thursday, April 25, 2019  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (ET)

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# Welcome and Introduction



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# Partnership for Professional Growth



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Principal of Cordova Elementary School  
Cordova, TN

# My Background

## Current Position

- Principal at PreK-5th grade building
- Approximately 860 students served and 100 staff members
- There are nearly 200 schools within the district. My school is one of 30 Optional (Magnet) Schools
- I'm also a wife, mom of 3 and active community member.

## Past Experiences

- Assistant Principal
- Curriculum Coordinator
- Elementary Teacher

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# Partnership for Professional Growth

## **Shared Leadership**

- Know Your Strengths
- Build Upon What You Do Well
- Decision Making
- Seek Input
- Rise to the Challenge

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## **Shared Learning**

- Collegiality
- Continue Professional Growth
- Think Outside the Box
- One Stop Is Not Enough
- Set Weekly Goals

# Poll: What Path Did or Will You Choose to Become a Principal?

- Master's or Other Advanced Degree with Administrative Certification
- School District Leadership Preparation Program
- New Leaders or Similar Aspiring Principal Program
- A Combination of Two or More Paths

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## **Shared Accountability**

- Own the Work and Responsibility
- Know Your Community
- Seek the Unknown
- Take the Difficult Steps
- Have the Tough Conversations



# Communication



**Victoria Reed**

**Director, Zone 1**

Principal, Highland Elementary School  
Wallingford, CT

# Background

- Currently the principal of Highland Elementary School a Prek-2 school with 325 students and a staff of 74.
- 9 years ago transitioned from K-5 to current configuration of Prek-2.
- I was an assistant principal of Prek-5 building in Groton, CT where 98% of the students were Navy dependents.
- Classroom teacher in NY state teaching students in first and second grade.
- Strong proponent of building literacy skills and the love of reading as early as possible.

# Communication: Building Relationships

- Staff
- Parents
- Students
- Community
- Culture

# Communication: Instructional Leadership

- Building a Strong Team
- Creating a Shared Vision
- Be a Lead Learner
- Share Leadership
- Data, Data, Data

# Communication: Network

- NAESP / State Associations
- Work with a Mentor
- Network with Colleagues in Different Districts
- Work/Life Balance



Thank  
You



# Question & Answer/Wrap Up




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