August 10th, 2015

Dear Stocks Elementary Staff,

I am thrilled to be joining the Stocks family as a Principal Resident during the 2015-2016 school year. I am currently obtaining my Masters’ in School Administration with NC State University as part of the Northeast Leadership Academy (NELA).

I have over 10 years of experience working with students from 4th through 6th grade. I have had the opportunity to work with middle school and high school students coaching softball and being a first responder for football. Also, I have facilitated a GED program in the evening for adults and numerous workshops on a variety of educational topics. I have been with the Edgecombe County Public School for the one year as a middle school math and science teacher. I spent the previous nine years teaching in Washington County.

I know the impact that teachers have on children’s lives everyday. You see I was the class clown when I had to read. Or I would act out when someone figured out how much I struggled with school until I had that one teacher. She was that teacher who believed in me from the second I walked in her room and never let me settle for anything less than my best. She instilled these beliefs in me and I have worked my entire career trying to do the same for the students I’ve taught. I believe that every child that walks through our school doors has a special gift and it is our job to help our students discover and refine those gifts so that one day they will leave their own legacies.

I will be working closely with third grade through the RtA Portfolio process and with fourth and fifth with district and state testing. I am excited to join these grades as a member of their weekly PLC. I will also be supporting kindergarten through second grades using the coaching model Stocks adopted this year. Please let me know if I can help support you in anyway during our year together.

As I become part of the Stocks family, I look forward to learning from you and serving with you.

Sincerely,

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