

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Dr. Tim Kitts to Rising Leaders Academy. Dr. Kitts has been working with us as a consultant for the last 2 years. Now he accepted to join our staff full time as the principal of Rising Leaders Academy. I will work with Dr. Kitts on the transition and continue to support RLA as the Operations Director. I will continue to help with our current programs that include the Expeditionary Learning model and foreign languages. I look forward to working with Dr. Kitts whom I admire very much. Dr. Kitts is extremely passionate, experienced, knowledgeable, and talented at running schools and improving them. He shares our school's mission of academic excellence in a nurturing environment. I am confident that Dr. Kitts will not only ensure that RLA will continue to excel, but he will also help bring forth positive improvement. Both Dr. Kitts and I will be at the orientation to meet our parents before school starts. I will email you the date and time of the orientation.

With the wonderful team of educators we now have at Rising Leaders Academy, you can expect great things to happen. For the upcoming school year, we will continue with our real-world project-based model and programs that help our students rise to be leaders. We have a highly effective group of educators with an abundance of experience. Dr. Kitts's experience is very impressive. Dr. Kitts served as a Principal in Holbrook, Arizona, Williamston, Michigan and Panama City, Florida. He also served as an Assistant Principal at Surfside Middle School and Rutherford High School. In community service, he was on the board of the Sunrise Optimists and United Way. Dr. Kitts served on the several state boards through the recommendation of Governors Crist and Bush. Dr. Kitts had the honor of being the Chairman of Advocacy for the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools. Dr. Kitts started the first charter school in Bay County Florida and led Bay Haven Charter Academy and North Bay Haven Charter Academy schools for fifteen years. Dr. Kitts has a consulting business and he assists charter schools in Florida to improve instruction, learning and school operations.

We look forward to seeing you during the orientation and working together to provide our Rising Leaders with the best educational experience.

Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,
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