Dear staff, students, parents, and ELA community,

It is an honor to serve as your new principal. I have 23 years of educational experience, with the last two at Excellence in Leadership Academy.

Education, in general, is a career of service, but it is also one of love and respect. This is something that I take to heart, and I have genuinely felt a team spirit and a fantastic community here at ELA. Our community consists of educators and staff who are passionate and determined to enhance children's lives with knowledge, real-world application of that knowledge, and leadership skills. I have come to learn that our students benefit from structure and that they enjoy soaking up as much knowledge as they can so that they will be prepared for what the world holds for them. And I have also come to know that our parents want their children to learn in a safe environment where their voices are heard, and their children are encouraged to be the best version of themselves.

I thank you for your trust as we continue to educate our students, and support our staff, and community.

**Proverbs 3:5-6:** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Joy Morales

