

August 26, 2019,

Dear students, parents, and staff members,

*Assalamu Alaikum & Welcome*

I am so excited to return to my previous home, Calgary, after five years of absence. I am also greatly honoured to be part of the Palliser Regional Schools family and entrusted with the headship of the Horizon Leadership Academy, such beacon light, which has been in service of our great community as well as our beloved country for many years.

First and foremost, I sincerely thank my predecessors, the HLA staff and volunteers, and of course the current and past serving board members for their outstanding services and sound leadership, which is allowing me today to inherit a great vibrant institution with solid foundation and remarkable achievements.

Insh'Allah (God Willing), our focus this year and the years to come will be on the following goals that are consistent with Horizon's vision of ***“Developing leaders through transformational learning”***:

- students' wellbeing by making the school a welcoming environment free from bullying, harassment, discrimination, and all kinds of safety hazards;
- helping our children build strong character and develop the 21<sup>st</sup> century and basic leadership skills that enable them to positively and competently contribute to their community and to the whole society at large;
- Developing students' literacy and numeracy skills as these are the foundation of all academic excellence.
- Revamping the Arabic, Islamic social studies, and Quranic paradigms and curricula

In order to achieve the above-mentioned goals, we will be implementing the below ABC active approach:

**A-- Achievement-** HLA staff and administration are committed to helping each and every student work to his/her full potential.

**B-- Behaviour-** The academy is fully committed to helping our students become fully responsible for their own actions. Our code of conduct is meant to help students reflect on their own actions and draw lessons out of their setbacks. A variety of progressive discipline strategies will be in place.

**C—Celebrating Successes-** Celebrating little successes lead to breeding bigger ones. Hence, our academy team is committed to highlighting as well as celebrating each accomplishment and every noticeable progress.

My team members and I are determined to doing all what it takes to take the academy to the next level. Accomplishing such mission won't be possible without your full support and cooperation, which I am optimistically expecting.

May Allah (God), the Almighty, guide us to best serving our children and everyone around us.

Yours truly,



Moussa Ouarou  
(New) Principal