

Hamlin Elementary Dedication

Principal: Dr. Angela Murphy-Osborne

Hello, everyone!

- **On behalf of the School Board of Orange County, I am thrilled to speak with you as we dedicate this beautiful new Hamlin Elementary School.**
- **I was at a dedication on the other side of the district earlier this year, and the Principal said something that really stuck with me. “It’s a beautiful building, but that’s not enough to make me want to come here everyday. It’s the people inside it.”**
- **I believe that to be true of this school too. You know why? Because I look out there and I see YOU!**
- **I see future dancers, law enforcement officers, doctors, lawyers and teachers.**

- **And I do hope many of you become teachers because you wouldn't be able to be any of those other things without teachers!**
- **I see tomorrow. I see a reason for your Principal and teachers to come here everyday. I see faces of IMPORTANT people.**
- **But this school wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for some other people who believe you and your education are very important. The people of Orange county.**
- **Do you know what taxes are? Taxes are money that people pay to government to build roads, and parks and schools, to provide clean drinking water and a whole lot of other things we use every day.**
- **Twenty years ago, before you were born, the school district asked people if they would vote to raise their taxes to build new schools for all the children moving here.**

- **Normally, people don't like to raise taxes because they want to keep as much of their hard-earned money as they can. But when it comes to making sure you have what you need to succeed, which includes new schools like this one, they said YES.**
- **Since then, every 4 years the citizens of our county have been asked that same question, will they pay higher taxes to help build new schools, and to renovate or replace older schools. And each time, they've said.**
- **So thank you to our parents, community members, and voters of Orange County for supporting our children and our schools, and for making today a reality!**
- **Students, your school board wants to see each and every one of you grow up in the best school possible. We want you to be safe, we want you to be happy. And, we want to give you the opportunity to live rewarding**

lives and become productive members of your community.

- **Here at Hamlin Elementary, you have an awesome principal in Dr. Murphy-Osborne. I want to take this moment to thank her and the entire staff for dedicating their work each day to our children and their future.**
- **And now, it is my pleasure to introduce my colleague, your elected School Board Member Pam Gould. Because this area of town has been growing so fast, she has had many school dedications over the course of her time on the board! You are in the hands of a professional!**