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David Brandon-Bravo MBA
Headteacher

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at Parkfields Middle School. This is an outstanding opportunity for a forward-thinking and ambitious person to play a key role in developing and delivering our school vision.

Parkfields is a thriving, oversubscribed, happy school. We believe there is no upper limit to what our pupils and staff can achieve and we seek to create a secure environment in which they can all flourish, learn and grow. We search for whatever it is that enables each of our pupils to shine and we celebrate that. At the heart of our ethos is a true sense of caring for others.

Visitors to Parkfields will discover:-

- pupils on task, enjoying their learning;
- dedicated staff going the extra mile to ensure that the children in their care receive an excellent, rounded education;
- an impressive range of extra-curricular activities, including after-school sporting fixtures;
- pupils in Years 5 and 6 at work in science labs, art rooms, music studios, food technology rooms, fully-equipped technology rooms, computer suites and speaking good French;
- pupils in Years 7 and 8 who are still enjoying their childhood and are full of the confidence that comes with being at or near the top of the school.

Our last two Ofsted reports (2008 and 2012) and our latest section 5 inspection letter (2016), confirmed that the school is "Outstanding". The relationship between pupils and staff is well-developed and based on mutual trust and respect; for that reason, Ofsted found behaviour to be "exemplary". Outcomes were described as "impressive". Progress from the beginning of Year 5 to the end of Year 8 is phenomenal and our pupils leave at the end of Year 8 at least one full year ahead of their peers nationally in English, Maths and Science.

We have not achieved this by staying still. Parkfields is at the forefront of innovative and cutting-edge pedagogy. We have constantly sought inspiration for change from best practice at home

and abroad. Our partnership with a Finnish school involving staff visits, has led to exciting and innovative advances in the provision of a new SEND facility. We are committed to inclusion and are proud of our exceptional new facilities which hosts part of the county's Hearing Impaired provision and other SEND pupils.

We are committed to delivering an inspiring broad and balanced curriculum, offering specialist teaching to pupils from Year 5 to Year 8. Both staff and leadership have a continuous appetite for further improvements as we continue to build on our successful record.

The educational landscape is constantly on the move, particularly in Central Bedfordshire, and there is always room for improvement. The schools in our pyramid have started the process of forming a multi-academy trust, which means that we may well be converting to academy status in the near future. This is therefore a particularly exciting opportunity to become only the school's fourth Headteacher in its 55 year history and to help lead this wonderful school into a very different new phase of its life.

Please look at the school website (www.parkfieldsschool.co.uk) for more information and do come and visit us. Our open days for prospective candidates are:

- Friday, 2 November (9.30am and 11am)
- Tuesday, 6 November (11am)
- Wednesday, 7 November (11am and 2pm)
- Monday, 12 November (9.30am and 2pm)
- Wednesday, 14 November (9.30am and 11am)

To arrange a visit, please contact Mrs Vivian Kearns, at the school office (01525 872555 or schooladmin@parkfields.cbeds.co.uk). Applications close at 9am on Monday, 19 November. Interview days are on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th December 2018.

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Dickens
Chair of Governors