

Dear Holmes Family,

My name is Alemtsehay Oncho, and I am the Family Liaison at Holmes Middle School. I am thrilled to welcome back our returning families and extend a warm welcome to all our new families! I am also excited to work alongside Mr. Benavides our new Family Liaison. It is a privilege to serve this community, where I truly feel at home.

As a mother of five children, ranging from 11 to 28 years old, I share many of the same experiences and challenges as you do in parenting. With over ten years of experience working with families from diverse cultural backgrounds, I understand the unique needs of our community. This is my fourth year at Holmes, and I speak English, Amharic, and Oromo. I also use language interpretation to communicate with families who speak different languages.

My role is to support families in becoming actively engaged in their child's academic success and emotional well-being. I do this by connecting families with school staff, organizing family workshops, and training sessions, and providing resources from both the school and the community that can address a variety of needs, such as food, school supplies, clothing, English classes, job readiness, and employment opportunities. Research shows that when families are involved in their children's education, student achievement increases significantly.

I am committed to working together with you for the success of all our students. To keep you informed and connected, I use Talking Points, News You Choose, and Schoology to communicate and share valuable resources. Remember, "It takes a village to raise a child."

Please feel free to reach out to me at akoncho@fcps.edu, on my work cell at 571-326-8370, or at my office phone at 703-658-5923. I look forward to collaborating with you.