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DR. LINTON ATKINSON

Dear PCCA families and friends,

The Pine Castle Christian Academy School Board is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Linton Atkinson** as the new Head of School effective January 17th, 2018.

After several thorough interviews and much prayer, the School Board unanimously and enthusiastically voted to appoint Dr. Atkinson as our next leader. During the interview process, it became abundantly clear to us that his leadership will continue us towards achieving the goal of educating our students, regardless of life challenges and socio-economic status. His passion for Christian education is in line with our mission and vision to develop individuals with strong moral character who are ready to impact the world for Christ.

Dr. Atkinson comes to us from Wheatley Elementary School in Apopka where he has served for the last three years as Principal and a 'transformer'. His experience in the school system spans many years of school leadership, administration and school transformation.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs. Brenda Oliver for stepping into the Head of School role over the last few months and she remains in a school administrative position. Her history with, and knowledge of PCCA will continue to prove beneficial as we welcome Dr. Atkinson.

You will have an opportunity to meet Dr. Atkinson at our 2018-2019 re-enrollment event on Monday January 22nd. We strongly encourage you to come and hear as he shares more about himself, his heart for Christian education, as well as his vision for our students and families. Light refreshments will be served.

We are confident that Dr. Atkinson's leadership along with our faithful faculty and staff will take the school to thriving success in Christian Education.

Sincerely,



Janet C. Blair-Hastings
On Behalf of the Pine Castle Christian Academy Board of Directors

More about Dr. Atkinson.....

Dr. Linton Atkinson is a Christian, husband, father, educator, motivational speaker and author. After graduating from Bethlehem Moravian College in 1993, he taught high school Drama and English in Jamaica W.I. for 7 years. On graduating from Northern Caribbean University in 2001, Dr. Atkinson migrated to New York City to teach English at Isaac Newton Middle School in Harlem for 10 years. He then pursued a Master of Arts degree at Excelsior College and an Advanced Certificate in Educational Leadership at College of St. Rose in Albany, New York. In 2015, Dr. Atkinson graduated from Concordia University with a doctoral degree in education thus fulfilling his childhood dream of becoming a doctor.

While teaching in Jamaica, Dr. Atkinson was named Drama Teacher of the Year and Teacher of the Year in Western Jamaica. In New York City, he was recognized as an *educational change agent* in Columbia University's publication, "Profile of New York Educators in 2007." In 2011, Dr. Atkinson moved to Florida where he became a school *transformation specialist* and *senior administrator* with Florida Department of Education and Orange County Public Schools. He then became a school-based administrator in 2015. His first book, "I am Going Places: Help me!" is a workbook for *mentoring* young boys in grades 3-8 and is currently being used to mentor elementary school students in multiple school districts in the United States. Dr. Atkinson is often featured as a speaker at churches, community events and universities such as University of Central Florida and University of the West Indies.

In his spare time, he likes to travel with his wife Darlene of 24 years and 19 year old daughter Sharik, play soccer and write songs.

He lives by the motto "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."