

November 27, 2017

Dear Franklin Families,

Franklin Elementary is very excited to try something new this year. This summer Franklin Staff researched the benefits of having **Student Led Conferences**, or **SLC's**. As a result, we have decided that conferences this year will consist of students sharing their academic progress and school behaviors to their parents during our parent-teacher conferences for the 2017-2018 school year. The research that we read this summer concluded that students display a greater degree of ownership, and parents gain an in-depth understanding of their child's progress when the information is presented by the child. These conferences are a way for parents, students, and teachers to come together to help make our student's more successful. SLC's help build student ownership and accountability.

During Parent-Teacher Conferences, we ask that you allow students to lead, or take part in the discussion with you about their school work, while teachers will help direct conversation and answer questions you may have.

We have several goals for holding **Student Led Conferences**:

For parents – We hope that you will get to see rather than simply being told about your child's progress.


For students – We hope students will take more responsibility for their learning.

For teachers – We want teachers to further foster the connection between home and school by allowing students to have input into these conferences.

For all – We want to maximize our time together, create ways to partner with one another to support student success. We are excited to share with you, and we welcome any questions you may have about this conference format.

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Sincerely,



Sherrod McNeill

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