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Dear Comet Families,

I first met Ms. Zenaida Rollins in 2015 when I interviewed for the principal position here at Carillon Elementary. She was the lone faculty/staff representative on the interview committee that included about 8 people. As she sat there to my left, I noticed her leg bouncing up and down, rapidly, as she asked her assigned questions. I remember noting that it was like she was the one who was nervous. This happened over and over again during the interview and each time I thought, "There she goes," as I tried to stay focused and give my best responses to the questions.

Fast forward to a couple of weeks after the interview and I came to visit the faculty/staff here at Carillon prior to my start. I was thrown a little bit of a reception and I met so many people that it was hard to keep everyone straight. But, at the center of everything I did that day was that same woman from the interview, along with her camera. Ms. Rollins put me on the morning announcements, took me on a tour, and showed me some of the ins and outs of Carillon. (She also let me know she voted for me during the interview.) As far as tours and information go, it was, honestly, a lot to take in. But, I could tell how much she cared and she made me feel very special. She was so proud of Carillon, proud of the faculty, the staff, and the students. There was so much to see and learn and everything she showed me had me thinking, "There she goes again." I struggled to keep up.

I understand now that, what I once thought was nervous energy, was actually something rather different. It was excitement over our school, excitement over our teachers and staff, and most importantly, excitement over our students. I also know that I am not the only one that thinks, "There she goes," when they see Ms. Rollins. Whether it is SPACE TEAMS, MakerSpace, 6 Orbits 1 School, Galactic Games, Yearbook, Book Fairs, PTA Events, PTA Board, Family Nights, School Advisory Council, making music videos to inspire students, Sunshine State Young Readers Award, Morning Announcements, Collaboratory, Disney Dreamer and Doer, Cosmo, Halley, staff recognition, Hagerty Homecoming Parade floats and costumes, Distinguished Diners, Schoolwide Procedures, Spelling Bee, Gifted Education, curriculum design, Literacy Week, Vocabulary Hat Parade, Kindergarten Tours, Senior Day, Summer Reading, or turning our Media Center into a Learning Commons; she has been the driving force behind what makes Carillon Elementary special for our students. It's no surprise when she volunteers to help out with anything. We all simply say in our heads, "There she goes again."

Ms. Rollins is one of the first people here and also one of the last people to leave each day. Prior to the start of the school day, and after school is over, you can easily find her in the Learning Commons starting something, tweaking something, helping someone. During the school day you can find her interacting with the students and putting all of her efforts into teaching students. Her attitude is contagious and she truly is the heart of our school. In fact, she has done so much for our school, for so long, that many of us have a hard time believing she is actually going to retire. When she mentions not being here next year, we simply have said with a smirk, "There she goes again... thinking she is going to leave this all behind."

But, she is retiring at the end of May and before we say, "There she goes," one last time, it is important to let her know how much she has meant to Carillon Elementary School.

Ms. Rollins- Thank you for making school fun. Thank you for sharing your dedication and energy with us and for helping the Comets continuously orbit around academic success. Thank you for pouring your heart and soul into the education of students and making them capable, connected, and contributing citizens. Thank you for building amazing relationships with all of us. Thank you for the impact you have made on our students, our school, and our lives. Thank you for being you!

In the spirit of honoring a tremendous career in education, I am pleased to announce the School Board of Seminole County, acting upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Walt Griffin and our own School Advisory Council, has officially approved a name change for Building 7, formally known as the Media Center. From this day forward, Building 7 at Carillon Elementary will be called the **Zenaida Rollins Learning Commons**. So, even though, when it comes to her career, we will say "There she goes." When it comes to our hearts and our school, we will say, "**Here she stays.**"

Sincerely,

Dr. Windish

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