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Thank you, Viking Nation, and Viking Supporters! I was so moved and overwhelmed with the outpouring of support and love! Moving forward I accept the challenge of adding to the legacy and pride of our great institution.

I stand on the shoulders and look to the examples of the late, great Earl Kitchings, Jimmy Johnson, James Day, and Douglas White who forever left their mark and pushed our Alma Mater to the next level.

I thank Principal Hall and Mr. Scarlett for their trust and for the opportunity to lead and care for our student athletes. At the heart and soul of the endeavor is the shaping of the hearts and minds of our student athletes as we prepare them for battle on the fields and courts, in life and later in their respective journeys beyond Raines. I have said often- it is not about the four-year plan, but the forty-year plan.

We will become the best Athletic Department- it is the nature of being a Viking; we know no other way. "Excellence is the Expectation" is our theme this year, but it is also the way we will do business in general. As a department, we will focus heavily on Athlete development. It is important that our athletes are Graduation and College ready as soon as possible, active in community service and recognized leaders on campus; We want each of our athletes ready for any opportunity presented to them off the field or court.

Viking Nation, the greatest resource that we have is you. So many of you have reached out and offered your support and I know that you are willing to help and are just waiting for the opportunity. Do not worry! It is coming!! There are some simple ways everyone can support now- just come to the games and register to volunteer at duvalschools.org. so that you are ready when your moment comes. Our village is amazing! By the way - thank you!

It's Game Time.

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