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Frederick Douglass Elementary School  
Seaford, Delaware

## **Video: 2020 Terrel H. Bell Awardee Carol Leveillee**

Hello, I am Carol Leveillee, the very proud principal of Frederick Douglas Elementary School in the Seaford school district in Seaford, Delaware. As a veteran principal from two States and various schools, I thought I would take this moment to share four pieces of advice. First, never forget your why, your purpose, and for me, that's the children. Second, never forget what it's like to be a teacher. Being a teacher is the best job ever. Third, every decision should always go back to what's best for the students. Lastly, enjoy the ride. Learn from the challenges and surround yourself with a solid team. That team should consist of key staff members from your school and the district office, membership to NAESP and other national, state and local organizations. Follow Facebook pages related to the principalship and create a PLN on Twitter. Thank you for the honor of the Terrel Bell award, and for the distinction of 2020 National Blue Ribbon School.