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Dear VCE Parents/Guardians:

It is anticipated that on Tuesday evening, May 7, 2019 the Nyack Board of Education will appoint Lucrisha Addison-Harris as Principal of Valley Cottage Elementary School to replace Regina Capiello who will be retiring at the end of June.

Ms. Addison-Harris is currently the Assistant Principal of the Nyack Middle School where she has served with distinction since 2015. Prior to serving as the Assistant Principal, she was the Dean of Students at the Middle School from 2011-2015 and also taught science at the school from 2003-2013. Ms. Addison-Harris was recommended for this critical leadership position because of her extensive administrative experience, her sensitivity for the well-being of all students, ability to listen, communicate and collaborate with parents and staff members and her commitment to excellence in public education. Each of these attributes were identified by the Valley Cottage school community as desirable qualities in their new Principal from our VCE Principal Search Survey.

Ms. Addison-Harris received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Lincoln University, a Master's Degree in Science Education from CCNY, and Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership from the College of Saint Rose. She anticipates receiving her Doctor of Education from Manhattanville College in May 2020. During her time in Nyack Ms. Addison-Harris has served on numerous District committees, most recently co-chairing the Homework Committee.

It is expected that she will begin her new assignment as the VCE Principal on July 1, 2019.

We look forward to Ms. Addison-Harris' appointment on Tuesday evening, May 7 and hope that you will join us in welcoming her to Valley Cottage Elementary School.

Sincerely,

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