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Dear Davis Families,

I am absolutely humbled and honored to assume this leadership position at Davis as your new principal. When I joined Davis last year, I fell in love with a vibrant community of talented and motivated teachers, engaged families, and students with infectious energy. This is the kind of place we want to call home as professionals and I, along with my family, are thrilled to call Davis 'home'!

Prior to joining Davis last summer as Assistant Principal, I assumed the same position with the New York City Department of Education at P.S. 198 in Manhattan, serving a diverse population of East Harlem/Upper East Side students and families in the innovative and lively District 2. I called P.S. 198 home for eleven years as a teacher, instructional coach, and administrator. I am excited to bring my skills from these experiences, along with my rich first year at Davis, into this new role as I partner with all of you to ensure your child's success.

As your new principal, it is my mission to inspire all members of our school community – our students, our staff, our families and greater community - towards the highest levels of excellence. Our school is a family and it is our responsibility, to each other, to make Davis a place that nurtures life-long learning and prepares our students to positively impact the world for years to come. As I continue in this new capacity at Davis, continuing the positive legacy of what it means to receive a 'Davis education' becomes paramount, while also continuing to raise that bar of what we are capable of achieving on every level.

I find myself currently putting the finishing touches on an Entry Plan that outlines specific actions, which will guide my work over the first months of the school year. The plan is being crafted as a tool to navigate my transition, reflecting my commitment to listen and learn with a range of stakeholders, to continually assess systems, identify strengths and areas for improvement, and develop action items that propel our work towards the highest levels of excellence. This plan is indicative of my commitment to continually get to know Davis from this new perspective and the plan is already being rolled out! As principal, it is this understanding and awareness, building off of this past school year, which will allow our school to shape our next round of school wide goals and function most effectively.

I look forward to leading Davis as we continue to roll out new and vibrant curricular programs across subjects, rigorous and aligned to the Common Core. Borrowing words that I heard, 'Our school is our laboratory and student learning will be on the petri dish'. This reflects how we will continue to put student learning first as a staff. We will use data the right way when looking at student work – studying what is working, what needs to improve, and devising next steps collaboratively. We will celebrate student work and achievement. And you'll be a big part of this!

*More than what you hear me say, the actions of our staff and myself will be the window through which the community will begin to understand our core values and what drives my work as a building leader, starting with a philosophy that **every** child can and will learn.*

*Finally, I can make some very simple and explicit promises to start this school year – ones that I take very seriously and self-monitor actively. I, and my leadership partner, will be visible across our school. I will engage this community positively and listen first. I will advocate for the needs of *all* learners at Davis. When mistakes occur, I will be accountable – an important trait we must model for our children. And finally, I will put students first and maintain that focus when tough decisions arise.*

*As the demands and complexities of teaching children continue to evolve, our partnership as an extended family becomes critical. I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks. I look forward to introducing you to *new* members of the Davis staff and family. I look forward to updating you on all of the wonderful things we continue to roll out. And I look forward to an exceptional school year!*

Welcome back!

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