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## An Important Communication from the Superintendent - Administrative Appointments & Contract Settlement

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July 18, 2019

Dear Irvington School Community,

It is with great enthusiasm that I share that at a special Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, the Board appointed a number of new administrators to fill vacancies that I communicated to you in recent months. Each of the educational leaders appointed possess impressive skills, knowledge and experience that will immediately prove to be impactful on our students' learning. Importantly, they have a remarkable passion for the education of children and share our commitment to provide the very best educational opportunities to every student, every day.

At Dows Lane, Assistant Principal Dr. Andrea Kantor, was appointed to serve as Principal. She will partner with our new Interim Assistant Principal Linda Langiulli to lead our outstanding school. Ms. Langiulli has many years of experience as a leader and teacher. Together, Dr. Kantor and Ms. Langiulli will collaborate with the Dows Lane faculty, staff and parent community to provide our students with another incredible year.

Mr. Jason Strumwasser was appointed as the District-wide Director of Technology. Using his years of experience as a teacher and leader in technology, Mr. Strumwasser will collaborate with our faculty to enrich learning through the integration and instruction of technology.

Mr. Stewart Hanson will serve as the Interim Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics. Mr. Hanson's vast experience will enable him to provide strong leadership in supporting our mission to encourage students to develop healthy, active lives while also guiding our athletics program.

Finally, Dr. Iris Goliger was appointed to serve as the Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Her deep experience and skill as a Committee on Special Education Chairperson, School Psychologist and Clinical Psychologist will prove to be a great resource for the Irvington school community.

These appointments follow a very thorough search utilizing the District's rigorous hiring process that includes multiple interview rounds and committee interviews. The tenure-track administrators also participated in a clinical experience that required them to demonstrate their expertise, as well as committee interviews that included parents, teachers, staff, administrators and Board of Education trustees. A final interview was also held with the Board of Education.

The District is also pleased to announce the settlement of a new contract with the custodial bargaining unit. The new contract extends through the 2023-24 school year and provides for responsible, fair compensation and benefits for our

dedicated custodians, cleaners, maintenance mechanics, and groundskeepers.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Kristopher Harrison, Ed.D  
Superintendent of Schools

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