

August 25, 2010

Dear Students, Staff, Parents, and Members of our Community,

I hope you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer. It is with pleasure and excitement that I welcome you back to the 2010-2011 school year.

We have had a very busy summer in reference to filling vacant professional positions throughout the school district. Between the screening of thousands of applications, and the subsequent levels of interviews that followed, we have assembled an impressive list of hirings that include internal promotions as well as appointments from outside placements.

One of our positions that is not yet filled is our high school guidance position vacancy. As our high school students, especially our seniors preparing college applications, and high school parents deserve a solid guidance department plan to be in place for the start of the school year, in an effort to keep you well informed, here is the plan that will be in place through the selection, appointment, and start of a new high school guidance counselor:

1. Effective tomorrow, I have transferred our upper elementary school guidance counselor, Ms. Kate Kuehne, to the high school guidance department to work with our current high school guidance counselor, Ms. Veronica Wierbowski.

2. Effective tomorrow, I have assigned our lower elementary school guidance counselor, Mrs. Pamela Lang, to cover both the LES and UES which is a responsibility she competently performed prior to hiring Ms. Kuehne at the UES.

3. I have contracted with Dr. Jon Cosse, a distinguished retired consultant with many areas of expertise that include the college application process and high school scheduling. In conjunction to working with our Director of Special Education/Pupil Services, Mr. David Lieberman, and our high school Principal, Dr. Stephen Young, Dr. Cosse will work directly with Ms. Kuehne and Ms. Wierbowski to ensure that the needs of all high school students are met.

I am excited and confident that this plan will serve our students in an impressive manner while we continue our search for the new high school guidance counselor. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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