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PS 39

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Dear Families, Staff and Community Members:

I hope you are having a wonderful summer, and are excited as we approach the first day of school.

I wanted to share that Anita De Paz, principal of The Henry Bristow School (PS 39) will be retiring as of September 1, 2019. Ms. Sara Panag will serve in the position of Interim Acting Principal.


Ms. De Paz has served as the principal for the past thirteen years and has worked tirelessly as an instructional leader, raising PS 39 to recognition as a Blue Ribbon School, and creating an environment where students were cherished and supported to reach high standards of academic success. Her efforts have left a lasting legacy of excellence and caring and we know that she will be missed. I know you join me in wishing her the best in her retirement.

Ms. Panag is a long time educational leader in District 15 and currently serves as the Assistant Principal of MS 88 where she has worked for almost eight years. She is knowledgeable in Teachers College protocols and is a trained RULER facilitator, skilled in supporting the social-emotional needs of both adults and students. In addition she is well versed in project based learning and will undoubtedly seek to continue this work at PS 39. Her experience as a leader in a middle school will enable her to bring a unique perspective to the elementary level in that she is keenly aware of the demands of this next level and how to support students as they prepare to adjust to the change.

A permanent principal will be appointed this coming school year in alignment with Chancellor's Regulation C-30. A committee will be formed at the school consisting teachers, parents, and school representatives. The committee will then interview applicants for the position at a Level One interview and will rank them, sending the top three to the Superintendent for a Level Two interview. The top ranking applicant will then be sent to the Chancellor's Office for review and an extensive background check. Then, the School Leadership Team will meet to discuss the final candidate and the candidate will be appointed as the principal of PS 39, The Henry Bristow School.

Please join me in thanking Ms. De Paz and welcoming Ms. Panag to PS 39 as we start an exciting new school year. We look forward to taking our next steps in expanding the success of this wonderful school.

Warmest regards,


Community Superintendent
District 15