



Hopkinton Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to share information with you about decisions I have made regarding the high school leadership team. Throughout these recent transitions, please know that my foremost consideration has been in maintaining the highest educational standards for our students.

First, I am pleased to announce the permanent appointment of Mr. Evan Bishop as Principal of Hopkinton High School. Mr. Bishop has demonstrated strong leadership skills during his 9 years in the district; 4 years as a guidance counselor and coach, and 3 1/2 years as Assistant Principal before assuming the Interim Principal position in December last year. He embraced the role with enthusiasm and earned the respect and confidence of the high school staff, his colleagues on the administrative team, and the community. I am very pleased to welcome Evan to the position and cannot think of a more thorough interview process than the opportunity we have had to observe him in this role. He has demonstrated leadership skills in promoting the learning and growth of all students, ensuring a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment, creating positive partnerships with families, and sustaining a school culture of reflective practice, high expectations, and continuous learning for staff.

Secondly, I have appointed Mr. Jake Santamaria to assume Mr. Bishop's former role for the remainder of the year. The students and staff are familiar with Mr. Santamaria given his role in the same position last year. We will conduct a full search this spring for a permanent, full-time replacement to begin July 1, 2014.

Thirdly, I have received and accepted a letter of resignation from Mr. Cournoyer as Principal of Hopkinton High School. By working strategically with the high school administration, we have developed a plan to provide for continuity and stability in leadership at the high school while minimizing any additional cost to the school department beyond that which was originally budgeted.

Finally, on November 6th at 7:00 PM there will be a public forum held in the high school library to introduce our strong and united administrative team. We are looking forward to sharing our enthusiasm for all of the great things that are happening in our schools, and to answering your questions.

Please join me in changing the conversation to focus on where we are going while learning from where we have been.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. MacLeod".

Cathy MacLeod, Ed.D.