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Greetings Pierce School Staff and Families,

I am pleased to inform you that I have selected Ms. Jamie Yadoff to serve as the Principal of the Pierce School.

The decision to appoint Ms. Yadoff follows a thorough and thoughtful search process that started over two months ago. You will recall that a team of Pierce staff and parents, joined by district leaders, reviewed applications and conducted first round interviews of several talented candidates; following their interviews, they recommended two semi-finalists to me. My senior team and I, joined by two Pierce students, interviewed each semi-finalist and, based on their strong credentials and work experience, both candidates were announced as finalists to the Pierce community. Following public meetings with the staff and parent/guardian communities, I met again with each candidate and carefully considered the feedback that Pierce teachers and parents provided.

It is clear to me that the depth and breadth of Ms. Yadoff's commitment, skills, and proven track record of achievement on behalf of the Pierce School community make her an ideal choice for the principal position. She joined the Pierce community in 2005 as a middle school English, Social Studies and Health teacher. In 2018, Ms. Yadoff transitioned into the position of Vice Principal and, since July 1, 2021, she has been serving as the Interim Principal. In each role, her work ethic, dedication, and collaborative leadership skills were evident. Her knowledge and appreciation of the school's culture has enabled her to earn the trust and support of teachers, staff, and families alike.

The feedback from staff, parents and guardians was very instructive as it helped inform my decision. Pierce staff noted that she is collaborative and compassionate, and cares deeply for staff and students. They also noted that she listens and takes all views into account, and is not afraid of making difficult decisions. Parents and guardians describe Ms. Yadoff as a school leader who emphasizes teamwork and transparency. They credit her with excellent communication skills, as well as a keen ability to listen and guide the school community in an open and honest manner.

I would like to thank the members of the Interview Committee, and all of the staff and parents who took part in the meetings and took time to share their feedback with me. Your participation in this process was incredibly valuable and is much appreciated.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Yadoff. I know she looks forward to your continued support as she leads the Pierce School into the future.

Sincerely,

Linus J. Guillory Jr., PhD
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