

Dear Families and Friends of Da Vinci Communications,

I am writing to you with mixed emotions as I share the news that the Da Vinci Schools Board of Trustees has accepted the resignation of Nathan Barrymore as Principal, effective July 31, 2017.

Nathan plans to attend graduate school to pursue his dream of becoming a college professor. As a founding Da Vinci teacher and founding principal of Da Vinci Communications, Nathan has had a tremendous impact on the culture and climate of all of our schools. He has implemented instructional practices that provide many learning pathways to meet the needs of all learners, led and engaged in collaborative professional development, developed meaningful partnerships with industry, nonprofits and education institutions, crafted pathways to introduce students to industry-specific knowledge and careers, and provided thoughtful leadership in preparation for the move to the new high school campus this August.

This year, we are celebrating Da Vinci Communications' first graduating class. We are proud that Nathan will stand with the Class of 2017 to share in their great successes.

In the life of a school, a transition in leadership can often be thought of as a daunting task. Da Vinci Communications is very fortunate, however, to be well-positioned to make this transition smoothly. With a well-defined mission and vision, amazing students and staff, a supportive parent community, and dedicated trustees, Da Vinci Communications will keep moving forward with our strategic plans and trajectory of success.

The Da Vinci Board of Trustees is committed to engaging in a thoughtful search and selection process for a new Communications principal and assistant principal (the latter is a planned new position due to the natural growth of the school). The new Communications principal and assistant principal will assume their duties on July 1, 2017. We have three strong candidates within our organization as the hiring process has already begun.

I hope you will join with the Board and me in congratulating Nathan for his many successes, and in wishing him our very best as he moves into the next chapter of his life at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Nathan is part of the Da Vinci family and our door is always open to him to return.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at mwunder@davincischools.org.

With gratitude,



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