



Dear Sac High Families,

With the close of another school year, we are writing to follow up on the call you received last week about a change in leadership for the 2018-2019 school year. Principal Shannon Wheatley decided that he will be joining his wife and family in a transition to the Bay Area this summer. In an effort to both ensure a smooth transition, and help with his family's move, Principal Wheatley has already begun this transition and will not be on campus for the remainder of the school year.

We know that Sac High is no stranger to leadership changes and that these transitions can sometimes create challenges for our scholars, families, and staff. There have been a variety of reasons for each of these transitions over the years and we believe it is time to take a step back and rather than engage in an external principal search, we will be looking internally. We believe we have some incredible talent already in the network that have demonstrated a commitment to St. HOPE's vision and have a long record of success.

We plan on leveraging some of St. HOPE's strongest leaders to build a long-term plan for Sac High's success, starting with a new 9th Grade Academy that will launch next fall. The Academy will create a more seamless transition for our middle school scholars and provide a more intensive focus on St. HOPE's pillars and fostering a culture of high expectations at Sac High, beginning in 9th grade.

Additionally, I am excited to announce that Kari Wehrly, who previously served as the Principal of PS7 for the past five years, has been promoted to Chief of Schools and will have direct management and oversight over all St. HOPE schools headed into next year. As our longest serving school leader, Kari has demonstrated the results, skills and clear vision to take our school network to the next level; a vision I know she will be sharing with all of you in the coming weeks.

We are excited about this step forward as it will provide us with a systematic way to ensure alignment across our programs for our scholars and families. Just this past year, PS7, under the leadership of Kari has implemented two new programs in an effort to think about ways to support PS7 alum to and through college beyond their tenure at PS7. This year, two PS7 alum and Sac High seniors who are committed to a four year university will be awarded a Shepherd Scholarship of \$1,000 to support with transitional college funds. In addition to this, PS7 has began a paid summer internship program for a current Sac High student to help support scholars in giving back to their community while also earning money and gaining real world skills that will support them in their future careers. These are just two examples of the types of systems we are excited to continue to develop so that we are being creative and relentless in our approach to supporting our scholars on their path to and through college.

While excellence is not always a straight path, we truly believe we are ultimately on the right course in becoming the best urban TK-12 charter school network in the country for our scholars, families, and staff.

We thank you for the trust that you extend to us each and every day in educating your scholar and we look forward to an excellent school year ahead of us. We will be updating you all in the coming days as we finalize our leadership structure for the 2018-2019 school year.

With HOPE,
Jake Mossawir, CEO