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Dear Mann Elementary School Educational Community,

There are several administrative reassignments in our school district for the 2019-2020 academic year. There are reassignments that will impact Harte Elementary School, Mann Elementary School, Carusi Middle School, and the Curriculum Office.

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Education will act upon my recommendation to appoint Dr. John Cafagna as the principal of Horace Mann Elementary School, and to appoint Dr. Shilpa Davé as the Principal of Bret Harte Elementary School, both to be effective July 1, 2019.

Dr. Cafagna is a talented and experienced administrator who has served our district in a number of roles since he began his career at Rosa Middle School. After serving as a teacher and as an Assistant Principal at Rosa Middle School, Dr. Cafagna was the Principal of the Cherry Hill Alternative High School and the Principal of Bret Harte Elementary School, and he has spent the past six years as the Principal of Carusi Middle School. During his tenure as the Principal at each of these schools, he has been recognized as a leader in technology and Character Education, and in supporting an inclusive environment for students.

Dr. Cafagna is excited about his new assignment at Mann Elementary School, which provides opportunity for continued growth and professional progression. In the fifteen years that I have worked with Dr. Cafagna, he has continuously demonstrated himself to be an educational leader who is committed to student voice and engagement, to analyzing student data to positively impact success, and to maintain positive relationships with staff, parents, and students.

Dr. Cafagna will be scheduling time to visit with the Mann staff and the Mann Community before the end of the 2018-2019 academic year. I hope that you can take advantage of this first opportunity to meet your new principal. I am confident that you will be impressed by his expertise and his enthusiastic and engaging style of leadership. He is looking forward to working with the Mann students, staff, and families!

I know you will join me in wishing Dr. Davé continued success in her career and in welcoming Dr. Cafagna to Mann.

Regards,

Joseph N. Meloche, Ed.D.  
Superintendent