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Dear Families and Friends of Da Vinci Design,

I am writing to you with mixed emotions as I share the news that Da Vinci Schools has accepted the resignation of Kate Parsons as Principal, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Kate plans to move back to the East Coast with her husband and son, closer to their families as their own family grows. As a founding Da Vinci teacher and principal of Da Vinci Design, Kate has had a tremendous impact on the culture and climate of all of our schools. She 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, skills and careers, and provided thoughtful leadership in joint school efforts throughout her 10 years at Da Vinci Schools.

In the life of a school, a transition in leadership can often be thought of as a daunting task. Da Vinci Design is very fortunate 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 Design will keep moving forward with our strategic plans and trajectory of success.

A search is underway for a new administrator who will assume responsibilities on July 1, 2019.

I hope you will join me in congratulating Kate for her many successes, and in wishing her our very best as she moves into the next chapter of her life at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Kate is part of the Da Vinci family and our door is always open to her to return.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at [mwunder@davincischools.org](mailto:mwunder@davincischools.org).

With gratitude,

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