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*~Providing students equal access to a high-quality K-12 education that maximizes academic excellence and strength of character in a student-centered learning environment~*

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Bridges Preparatory School,

I am delighted to be coming on board as your new Head of School, and I can't wait to get the school year started!

I am happy to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! It has been an incredible journey up to this point, and we appreciate all of your support and confidence in sending your children to our school. I am committed to providing your children with an environment that challenges, motivates, and supports all learners academically, socially, and emotionally.

**Our children deserve no less!**

We believe that we are all partners at BPS and share the common goal of: ***Providing a safe, positive, and engaging learning experience for each of our students.***

As adults, we greatly influence our children's attitude and feelings as they progress in their school career. They do listen carefully to our language and they are either greatly comforted or affected by it. It is important to stay in close communication with your child's teacher to ensure academic success.

As we begin this year, I am excited about our commitment to fostering a safe and caring environment through the responsive classroom approach to whole-child development that will compliment our excellent work with Paideia seminar and best practices.

All of our teachers will be trained in school practices of building positive community, effective management, and engaging academics. Our teachers will be able to explore the responsive classroom teaching practices of Morning Meeting, Academic Choice, Rule Creation, Interactive Modeling, Positive Teacher Language, and responding to misbehavior.

We will focus on literacy at all levels and embrace writing across the curriculum. I am very excited about our focus on Marzano's research-based best practices of a guaranteed curriculum to develop a consistent approach to strong vocabulary development for grades K-12. We will focus heavily on building relationships and quality connections between students and teachers. We will promote PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) in our classroom and school-wide practices and will have many incentives for our students who exemplify our targeted positive vision.

I am passionate about your child's education. We have been able to hire and retain outstanding teachers and staff that share a common vision of providing an environment of positive relationships, meaningful connections, rigorous curriculum, and the fostering of a safe and caring environment that promotes social, emotional, and academic development of positive citizens.

We are thrilled to have you as a member of the Bridges Preparatory School family, and look forward to providing you and your child with a memorable experience.

Have a wonderful summer!

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