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Greetings Pro-Vision Academy Community!

It is my sincere hope that this communication finds you well! I hope you have found time to relax and recharge this summer. It is with great pleasure that I send you this communication to introduce myself as your new superintendent. I want you to know how happy I am to be working with you and the entire Pro-Vision Academy community. I know that the past year has been a highly stressful year for school districts across our state and our nation. Many schools struggled with the issue of how to best educate their students, while still keeping everyone as safe as possible during a pandemic that none of us could have predicted or foreseen. I am hopeful that this next school year will allow all of us to return to a sense of togetherness, where we can once again see each other's faces and start working together in a face-to-face setting.

It is my plan to become acquainted with the staff, students, parents and community. I hope to meet with all staff before the start of the next school year. I will hold meetings with staff, students, parents, and community members to meet and answer any questions as we start our educational journey together.

I thought that you might like to know a little about me so that you would have some idea about who I am and what I have done in my career. I began my education career as a classroom teacher. From childhood, I planned to be a teacher and never wanted to do anything else! Most significantly, I was a classroom teacher in the Houston Independent School District (HISD) for 16 years. When I left the classroom, I made a promise to never lose sight of the fact that the classroom where students and teachers interact daily, is where the impact is made!

My next career step was as an Attendance Officer (truant officer). The focus was on working with students and families to resolve attendance issues and address underlying causes. That experience taught me so much about the importance of connecting families, students, and educators. I learned that connecting with students through home visits was most powerful.

My next career steps were as a principal, Director of Alternative Education, and then Director of Charter Schools, where I first worked with The Pro-Vision Academy as an HISD external charter. After almost 29 years with HISD, I left to become the superintendent of a charter district in the Houston area. During that time, I joined The Pro-Vision Academy Board of Directors and served as the board's president. I am now joining The Pro-Vision Academy as your superintendent.

While that chronology informs you of what I have done professionally, I would also like to share with you some of my core beliefs. I believe that all students should receive an excellent education. Period. It is my belief that we exist to provide that education. I believe that communication is essential as we connect with and educate our students and their families. I believe that every person on our campus should be committed to providing quality customer service to our students, families, and each other.

My commitment to you is to stay laser focused on the mission of The Pro-Vision Academy: *to inspire hope and purpose into young people through access to academic, economic, and social enrichment opportunities*. I look forward to the opportunity to personally meet our Pro-Vision Academy community, as well as introduce the additional leadership staff as we embark upon the new school year.

Most sincerely,



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