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Dear Harte 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 28th, the Board of Education will act upon my recommendation to appoint Dr. Shilpa Davé as the Principal of Bret Harte Elementary School, and Dr. Neil Burti as the Principal of Carusi Middle School, both to be effective July 1, 2019.

Dr. Davé is a talented and experienced administrator who has served our district in a number of roles since she began her teaching career at Carusi Middle School. After serving as an Assistant Principal at Carusi Middle School, and serving as the acting principal at Clara Barton Elementary School and at Harte Elementary School, Dr. Davé became the Principal of Horace Mann Elementary School in 2011. During her time as the principal of Mann, the school has been recognized as a leader in inclusive education and recently became a Professional Development School in a relationship with Rowan University.

Dr. Davé is excited about her new assignment at Harte Elementary School, which provides opportunity for continued growth and professional progression. In the fifteen years that I have worked with Dr. Davé, she has continuously demonstrated herself to be an educational leader who is committed to student achievement, to analyzing student data to benefit outcomes, and to establishing effective and nurturing relationships for the successful operation of the school.

Dr. Davé will be scheduling time to visit with the Harte staff and the Harte 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 her expertise, her background and her dynamic approach to leading a school community. She is looking forward to working with the Harte students, staff and families!

I know you will join me in wishing Dr. Burti continued success in his career and in welcoming Dr. Davé to Bret Harte.

Regards,

Joseph N. Meloche, Ed.D.
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