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Families of Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design:

I am writing to tell you about some changes at Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design for the 2018-2019 school year.

With equal measures of both pleasure and sadness, we bring you the news that Ms. Jessica Sanchez Todd, HFA: Alameda School Superintendent/Principal and a founding member of our school community, has recently accepted a position with Cultural Productions that represents a significant personal and professional opportunity for her. Her last day will be July 31, 2018, but she will be able to provide support to us as needed through the start of school and into the fall.

During Ms. Sanchez Todd's school leadership tenure, she has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the students, families and staff of our school; through her dedication and hard work, we've created a school in which all students are supported to achieve their personal best, academically and artistically, and prepared to act as agents of positive change in their communities now and in the future. We appreciate all of her efforts.

We are excited to share that Mr. Jeremiah Montez, one of our school's founding lead teachers, has enthusiastically accepted our offer to become our acting Superintendent/Principal of HFA: Alameda School. Mr. Montez has worked side-by-side with Ms. Sanchez Todd as our Vice Principal, as well as overseeing Special Education needs and compliance, for the past several years. For those of you who know Mr. Montez, you will certainly recognize the strengths and values he brings to our school community. We are confident that he will lead us into the next chapter of our school's growth and development.

**We invite all families to Aztec Night on August 16th at 5:30pm, where you will be able to offer congratulations to both Mr. Montez and Ms. Sanchez Todd, learn about some exciting kickoff activities for the coming year, and pick up schedules.**

If you have questions about our principal transition or the reception, please contact Mr. Montez at 210-226-4031 or [jmontez@thealamedaschool.org](mailto:jmontez@thealamedaschool.org).

Sincerely,

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