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Dear Brass Castle Families,

I'm honored and thrilled to step into the role of Interim Principal at Brass Castle School beginning today. I will be serving in this role as the District conducts a search for a permanent Principal to replace Dr. Garcia. As I begin this journey, I want to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve such a vibrant and dedicated community of educators, students, and families.

I come into this role with almost 34 years of experience as an educator and I am recently retired after serving for eight years as the Superintendent of Schools in my last district. In addition to Superintendent, I have served as a Science Teacher, Curriculum Coordinator, Assistant Principal, and Principal over the course of my career. I have a strong belief in the power of collaboration and open communication. My goal is to foster an environment where every voice is heard, every student is supported, and every staff member feels valued. Together, I know we can build on the incredible work already happening here and continue to grow as a school that inspires excellence, a sense of belonging, and joy in learning.

In the coming weeks, I look forward to connecting with many of you—learning about your experiences, your hopes for our school, and how we can work together to make this year a meaningful one for all. Over the next few days, I will be visiting all classrooms to introduce myself to the students and express my excitement to work with each of them.

Please don't hesitate to reach out. My door is always open, and I welcome your ideas, questions, and feedback.

With gratitude and excitement,

Monica A. Rowland
Interim Principal, Brass Castle School