



April 20, 2017

Dear Edmunds Campus Community,

As we prepare for Spring Break I have some exciting news to share regarding school leadership for the 2017-2018 academic year that begins this fall.

### Edmunds Elementary School

**Shelley Mathias** will continue to serve as Principal for Edmunds Elementary School and will take on responsibilities of Campus Operations. These duties will include oversight of campus facilities, construction projects, space management and exploring where efficiencies can be achieved between the elementary and middle schools.

### Edmunds Middle School

I am very pleased to welcome **Megan McDonough** as the new Edmunds Middle School Principal and **Fieh Chan** as the new Edmunds Middle School Assistant Principal. As you will read below, Megan and Fieh bring extensive professional experiences to our District and leadership team:

**Megan McDonough** has spent the last 13 years teaching and leading in Boston, Massachusetts. Throughout her professional career, Megan has held positions from History teacher to Dean of Students and most recently Deputy Chief Academic Officer during which she managed Principals across a K-12 program. Throughout all of these roles she has been driven by her belief that every student has the right to a high-quality education and that one never gives up on a student, even when they give up on themselves. Megan's tenure as a High School Principal was in a diverse community, where 93% of the student body was of African, Asian or Hispanic descent, 89% of the students received free or reduced lunch and 30% of the students had an Individualized Education Plan. As Principal, Megan led her team in a change management process that resulted in the creation of multiple instructional pathways that supported all students in pursuing their passion. Megan began her teaching career in Worcester and then Chelsea, Massachusetts where she worked with first generation immigrant communities. She received both her B.A. and M.Ed. from Clark University in Urban Education and her degree in Special Education from Northeastern University.

**Fieh Chan**, is currently the Assistant Principal at Rutland Middle School. He has served as an educator in Vermont for over a decade. Fieh began his teaching career in Maryland as a mathematics teacher and continued his teaching tenure in Rutland after he and his family relocated to Vermont. After 14 years of teaching, Fieh transitioned out of the classroom and assumed the responsibilities of STEM & Outreach Coordinator at the Stafford Technical Center in Rutland Vermont.

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Fieh holds a B.S. in Secondary Education from the University of Maryland, College Park and a M.Ed. in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Vermont.

Finally, I would like to recognize **Thom Fleury** and **Katherine Grykien** for their service and dedication to the Edmunds Campus as Assistant Principals. **Thom** is leaving the District for a new professional opportunity. During his many years of service to the District as both an administrator and school board member he has been steadfast in his advocacy and commitment to the students of Burlington. **Katherine** is also pursuing a new professional opportunity, and I would like to thank her for her service to Edmunds Middle School and the support she has provided to students.

I am looking forward to formally introducing Megan and Fieh to staff, parents and the Burlington Community in the coming months.

Have a restful, enjoyable and safe break everyone.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Yaw Obeng

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