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To my Edgewood Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce I will be leaving Edgewood School at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. I am excited to be stepping into the role of principal of High School in the Community - HSC. This is an amazing opportunity to continue to grow in my career path at a school that embraces student leadership, voice, and service. Coming on board as the next Principal is Ms. Nicole Brown. Principal Brown has many years of experience in New Haven Public Schools and has spent the last several years in the role of principal.

Words can't express enough my gratitude and fondness for the Edgewood School Community. In the last six years, you've opened your homes with cameras during Covid, you've entrusted your children to our care, you've supported our race and equity work, and so much more. We've grown our ECHO program to provide enriching experiences for ALL students. We've seen attendance numbers get back on track and academic scores increase in all areas. We've brought back a vibrant language program with our Yale-China partnership – welcoming three Chinese teaching fellows into our school family. We've built an impressive Guest Artist program that is unique only to Edgewood in its scope and rationale. And we've done all this with a strong presence of staff and family collaboration - working as a team.

There is still work to be done. I am confident in the Edgewood Staff and the new leadership that this work will continue.

You are losing me as your principal, but I will continue to be a part of the school community as an active parent and volunteer. Additionally, I will be in regular contact with Principal Brown during and after the transition process to ensure it is seamless.

The most difficult part of this transition will be leaving the students. Please make sure your child knows how much I will miss them and that I wish we could have had more time together. On difficult days, all I had to do was enter a classroom and talk with the children to make me feel better. They are an absolute gift of positive energy, creative ideas, and insight. The amazing growth and strength I have witnessed in our Edgewood Students will stay with me forever. And their legacies will continue to take root.

It wouldn't be my style without leaving you all with a couple bad jokes, so here goes...

I had to leave my job at the chess factory. I couldn't work knights.

Now that I've gotten into astronomy, my whole career is looking up.

As this will be my last Edgewood announcement ending, let me finish by saying, "This is Dr. Perrone signing off; make sure to grow a little more today and always laugh."

Peace and love,



Dr. Nicholas Perrone, Principal

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Ms. Angela Brunson, Assist. Principal

Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow.