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Dear San Juan School Parents and Guardians:

Thursday, April 14, 2022, was Mr. Bell's last day with us at San Juan School. Students and staff have enjoyed the humor, passion, and respect that he exudes daily for students and staff. We are so very fortunate to have had him lead our incredible school, even for a little while. As Mr. Bell said, "my eyes are a little misty" in one of the last emails to the staff. His plans to continue retirement and spend time with his wife are calling. We wish him the best vacation and hope to see him visiting our campus soon 😊

It is important that we minimize the number of interim principals leading the school as we wind down the school year and prepare for 2022-23. Again, we have been very fortunate to have found another wonderful match for San Juan School. We have Mr. Bell to thank for finding a person that will focus on a safe and secure campus for students and staff, support teachers in the classroom, and continue with the work Mr. Bell began for a positive culture. Mrs. Linda Williams will join the San Juan School Padre family on Monday, April 25, 2022. We are happy to report that Mrs. Williams will remain with us through the end of the school year. Mrs. Williams had an opportunity to spend time with Mr. Bell on Thursday to meet staff and students.

When we return from Spring Break, please take a moment to say hello to Mrs. Williams during drop off and pick up. Mrs. Williams is a retired principal and currently works with California State University Monterey and has many years of experience as a teacher and principal. We welcome Mrs. Williams to the San Juan School campus.

The recruitment for the new principal is currently underway and will continue until successfully filled prior to August 2022.

We continue to value a strong parent-school partnership which is critical to a child's success in school. We now have approximately six weeks left of school. Be sure to check in with your child's teacher to ensure your child(ren) are on track to meet expectations for the 2021-22 school year by your teacher.

We are on track to end the school year strong. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions.

All the best,

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Superintendent