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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is time for another update on our Spanish Program. In addition to these regular communications, I have also provided a Spanish Program update at every Board of Education work session and public meeting.

As I previously reported, our current long term Spanish substitute teacher, Ms. Gianna Cusanelli, will end her 40th consecutive day tomorrow, Tuesday, April 25. Although we have explored every creative consideration, there is no way to extend her approved time with our school district in the long term substitute position beyond tomorrow. Therefore, we need to make one more change in that position for the end of the school year.

To ensure a seamless and smooth transition in the best interest of our students, I prepared an addendum for our Board of Education public meeting this evening with my recommendation to appoint Mrs. Lauren Seise to the position of long term Spanish substitute teacher effective Wednesday, April 26 through the end of the school year. I found her through our continued interview process where I learned she is certified in Spanish, highly qualified, and has a wealth of experience. After thoroughly reviewing her credentials and references, I am fully confident she will guide us through a successful end of the school year.

Here is how we will proceed: I will announce this change to our students tomorrow so Mrs. Cusanelli may have her own closure with our students. Ms. Cusanelli and Mrs. Seise will have a joint transition day with our students on Wednesday before Mrs. Seise takes over on Thursday.

Please join me in thanking Ms. Cusanelli for a job well done and in welcoming Mrs. Seise to our outstanding school. In addition and on a related note, now that Mrs. Piccolella has officially retired, I have been able to post the full contract Spanish position so we may now proceed with our search for our new permanent Spanish teacher.

Please feel welcome to reach out to me with any questions and I thank you for your continued patience and understanding in this highly unique situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond J. Boccuti, Ed. D.".

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Superintendent, Principal, and Chief School Administrator