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Dear Parents,

I am grateful for the opportunity to write to you all this evening. As you have just read, I have accepted an offer starting next year to serve as the principal at The Winstedt School here in Singapore.

It is hard to put into words just how much SAS has meant to me. Working at SAS for the last 15 years as a middle school math teacher and deputy principal have been extremely rewarding and have provided me with incredible opportunities to grow as a professional and form many meaningful relationships with students, parents, and colleagues alike. I will definitely be taking many great memories of my years at SAS with me.

Change can be hard, especially when you have been surrounded by an amazing community for the last 15 years. At the same time, change is essential for our own continued growth. When I first learned of this opportunity at The Winstedt School, I took some time to think about what this change might mean for both me and my family, and after some careful reflection, I came to the conclusion that this was the right choice for our family.

Professionally, I am excited about taking this next step as a school leader; to be able to draw upon the skills I have developed at SAS, to discover new skills that I didn't realize I had, and to develop new ones. I am also excited to take on new challenges and to build new relationships within a different school community. Having said that, what I am most excited about is the opportunity to have a shared educational experience with my son who attends The Winstedt School and seeing the impact of that work through his eyes.

While it is difficult to say good-bye to working at SAS, I will still very much be part of the SAS community. My wife will still be a teacher in the elementary school and my daughter will still be a student in the high school. There are still nine months remaining in the 2021-22 school year; I am excited for what the rest of the school year holds and I look forward to continuing to serve the students and families of SAS during this time.

Thank you for everything,

Chris Raymaakers