SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL

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Dear SAS Educators and Parents,

After eleven incredible years in Singapore, my family and I have decided that this year will be our last at the Singapore American School. Though we will be seeking new adventures abroad we leave SAS with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation.

Coming to such decisions is never easy and departing from a school community as amazing as SAS makes it even more challenging. And, the draw of connecting with family and friends back in the United States, coupled with an expat's desire for that "one last adventure" as a family is a draw just too great to ignore. Though we are unsure of where we will settle next, we do know that we will go there, as a family, with the can-do spirit that we see around us every day at SAS and in our host country of Singapore.

As this chapter comes to a close I cannot help but look back at the past decade with an amazing sense of wonder. It has been an honor to serve SAS as a deputy principal, learning support coordinator, high school principal and now chief academic officer. I am so very proud to have participated in implementing programs such as Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Advanced Topics, Advisory, SAS Catalyst and Quest to name a few. All of these areas have greatly impacted our students and I say, out of all of my work and without a doubt, working with our amazing students at SAS has been the highlight of my time here. Our kids are truly world class.

Finally, my wife Sara and I want to give a heartfelt thank you to the amazing educators who have mentored our two children for over a decade here at SAS. The level of professionalism and extraordinary care that you have shown for them has been remarkable and heartwarming. We are so proud of the incredible young women they are becoming and we know that you have been instrumental in making that happen.

Before we close this chapter in Singapore I recognize that there is much work to be done, goodbyes to be shared and loose ends to be tied. I look forward to ending my time here with the same energy and enthusiasm that I came with those many years ago. After hearing it said to many others who have gone before me it seems odd that the saying is now actually about me. I'll try it on for size though... "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle..." Yes, that feels about right.

Warm Regards,

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