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Dear Middle School Students and Parents,

We're excited to share with you the team of leaders we have selected to serve as middle school deputy principals.

Beginning in July 2022, the middle school deputy principal leadership team joining incoming middle school principal Chris Beingessner will be:

- Dr. Betsy Hall (currently an acting middle school deputy principal)
- Darnell Fine (currently a middle school instructional coach)
- Audrey Hazleton (currently the principal at Glenwood Springs Elementary School)

We are fortunate that SAS continues to attract significant interest from highly qualified candidates from around the world. The candidate pool for the position was exceptionally strong, with over 100 people applying to join us in the middle school at SAS.

After the initial screenings and one-way video interviews, we selected eight candidates to engage in a series of in-depth interviews with parents, educators, students, and school leaders. Each candidate brought a rich background of experience, great energy, and a passion for learning. These interviews helped us gain a deeper understanding of how each candidate would contribute to and build upon the work we are currently engaged in as a community.

We are thrilled to welcome Betsy, Darnell, and Audrey to the middle school leadership team. They are each talented, accomplished leaders and will form a strong leadership team with their complementary talents. With the ongoing campus upgrade work, the focus on social-emotional learning, the further development of interdisciplinary approaches, and PLC coaching, continuing to have three deputies will allow us to better support our students and teachers. We will not backfill Darnell's instructional coach position.

Next week, we will share letters from each of our incoming leaders. Below we have provided a brief overview of each of our new deputy principals.

Dr. Betsy Hall has been at SAS since 2006 and served as an ELA teacher, instructional coach, and this year, acting deputy principal. She participated in the research and development work that started in 2013.

Darnell Fine came to SAS in 2018 from the American School London. He has served as a social studies teacher on 6C, a middle school instructional coach, and has led work around diversity, equity, and inclusion, not only here at SAS, but also as a consultant with many other schools around the world.

Audrey Hazleton has been the principal of Glenwood Springs Elementary School since 2013. She led the school's transition to an expeditionary learning school, with a focus on robust, real-life,

project-based learning grounded in the community. Prior to that, she was a teacher at Olander School for project-based learning and was the operations director for Harbor City International School in Duluth, Minnesota. Audrey will relocate to Singapore with her husband and two of their three sons who will be juniors in high school next year.

Whenever we have the departure of members of our leadership team, there is worry and wonder about what lies ahead. With this team in place, we are confident that the great work going on in the middle school led by principal Lauren Mehrbach will continue, grow, and evolve—cultivating exceptional thinkers prepared for the future. The middle school is and will be in good hands.

Best,

Tom Boasberg, Superintendent
Dr. Jennifer Sparrow, Deputy Superintendent
Chris Beingessner, Incoming Middle School Principal



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