



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
GENERAL DIRECTOR

DR. POLLY PARKER

Dear Escuela Americana Community,

I write to you today to share that I will be transitioning from my role as General Director of Escuela Americana in June of 2024. This decision was made with careful consideration for the school and it was not an easy decision. From the moment I arrived at Escuela Americana in July 2018, I found a home in the work and within the Salvadoran community. My husband and I have enjoyed being a part of this fantastic school and relished exploring this beautiful country and we share a deep pride in saying that we are members of the EA community, but the time has come to allow the school to continue to grow and flourish under a new leader.

I am immensely proud of how the EA team managed one of the most challenging times in educational history, the pandemic years. As a community, we came together and remained strong and supported each other as we continued our strong educational program via Brightspace. I am so very proud of our teachers and our students who showed up each day and continued to provide the outstanding programming that EA is known for, with so much uncertainty daily. We pulled together, opened as soon as possible, and always made decisions with our students in mind and what was in their best interest.

When I was appointed, I was charged by the Board of Directors with implementing “change.” My charge included a thorough investigation of the programs, personnel, and finances that were in place. The results of that investigation drove the strategic initiatives that made a very strong school, even stronger.

Change is never easy or smooth. Working with our talented group of EA educators and a variety of consultants over the past 5-years we have collaborated, created, and implemented the best practices to make our graduates highly competitive in a post EA world. We can boast that our work holds a place in the international market for what students need in a secondary education to be prepared to enter the competitive college recruitment process and the global market post-college. Please take a moment to reflect on the following table which illuminates the work that has been accomplished that allows us to proudly make that claim that **we have accomplished a great deal together as a team:**

**FULL LIST OF ESCUELA AMERICANA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE LAST
5 YEARS**

We all have so much to be proud of. Take a minute to reread the above list, because the list and the work it represents is impressive and unparalleled as **collective accomplishments of a truly wonderful and dedicated professional community.** It represents the dedication and growth of a community of learners and leaders. It represents hard work and it represents love, love for Escuela Americana.

I am sharing this decision with you after notifying the Board of Directors and providing them with an extraordinarily early notice to ensure that the very best replacement can be secured. The board has already begun the search process for a new General Director who will begin on July 1, 2024. This timeline allows me to help transition the new General Director and make certain that the hard work and the change efforts continue and become an integral component of the fabric of EA.

I will continue to lead this fabulous school forward with as much dedication and care as I have since the day my family landed in El Salvador. We will continue to implement the objectives of the strategic plan and prepare for the new General Director to continue the positive momentum for years to come!

Looking forward,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Polly Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Polly" and "Parker" being significantly larger and more prominent.

DR. POLLY PARKER
GENERAL DIRECTOR

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