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Dear Manhasset School Community,

I am happy to report that we have concluded our search for the next principal of Manhasset Secondary School, succeeding Dr. Dean Schlanger, who is retiring after 16 years of dedicated service to Manhasset students and families.

With great enthusiasm, I share with you that the Board is expected to appoint Mr. Richard Roder as the next principal of Manhasset Secondary School at a Board of Education meeting on May 11. Mr. Roder stood out from a pool of seasoned candidates that included sitting principals and assistant principals from throughout New York State.

Mr. Roder has successfully served as a principal in elementary, middle, and high schools for the last 11 years, most recently at Shelter Rock School. Before coming to Shelter Rock School in 2018, Mr. Roder was the founding principal of Queens United Middle School. He also served as Resident Principal at STAR (Science, Technology, and Research) Early College Middle/High School in Brooklyn, NY. Mr. Roder also has experience as a high school Social Studies teacher and a Humanities Department Leader. In each of these positions, Mr. Roder has fostered a culture of high achievement within a supportive learning environment where students and teachers feel a genuine sense of care.

Mr. Roder received his Bachelor of Science degree from Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications, his Master of Science in Teaching from Fordham University, his Advanced Studies Professional Diploma from Long Island University (LIU), and is a Doctoral Candidate in Education - Transformational Leadership at LIU. In addition, Mr. Roder has served as an Adjunct Professor at LIU for five years, teaching Educational Leadership courses.

We are grateful to Mr. Roder for stepping forward and embracing this next step in his career. We eagerly look forward to his stewardship and laser-like focus on nurturing a positive school climate and culture for both students and staff. We are confident that Mr. Roder will collaboratively bring innovative ideas and programs that build upon the success of our Secondary School and will continue our deep tradition of strong partnerships with all members of our school community.

We will immediately begin the search for the next principal of Shelter Rock School. Mr. Roder is committed to assisting in the smooth transition to a new principal.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Roder!

Warmly,

Gaurav Passi, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools