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Dear Paly Parents and Guardians,

Since July 1, my first official day as the Paly Principal, I have been meeting with several members of our school community planning and preparing for the beginning of a school year like no other. In every aspect of our planning, the goal has always been to provide all students with an engaging and connected learning experience. In all of my conversations with the Paly staff, I have appreciated the expertise that our teachers have contributed in planning opportunities for students and teachers to continue to grow and learn during our distance learning experience.

A key to the success of any school is the support of the entire community with high importance given to the support of parents and guardians. Your partnership and support will be key elements to ensuring that we are able to maximize each student's educational and personal development. It will be important this year, especially during distance learning, to develop and maintain a positive home-school relationship based on the mutual goal of providing the best learning experience possible for all of our students. With this being said, the goal of providing families with on-going communication and updates, will be an important aspect of my work as the Paly Principal.

I understand that there is an anxious feeling this year as we all prepare for a start of the school year that is completely different than before. What I do know, however, is that the Paly teachers have not stopped learning and planning this summer. Before the start of the school year, all Paly teachers will have completed several hours of professional development and team planning, in order to start the school year with a quality distance learning experience for all of our students.

My Paly Promise to all of you is to ensure that all students are provided with equitable access and opportunity and that families are supported with clear communication and ceaseless encouragement of involvement and participation. In spite of our challenges this year, I believe that as an entire school community, we can do this! I understand that every family has unique circumstances and needs during this unprecedented time. We intend to do our best to provide continuity for learning and ask for patience and understanding as we all learn to navigate these unprecedented times together.

With Gratitude,
Brent Kline, Principal