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Dearest Stuyvesant Community Members,

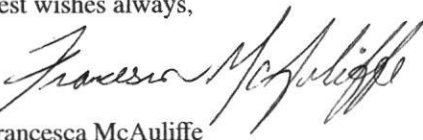
I am writing to share that this July I will be assuming a new role as an elementary school principal in the borough of Staten Island. District 31's public school system is where I learned to love learning. It is an absolute honor to continue ensuring that love continues to flourish for NYCDOE youth in this new role. While I am excited and optimistic for the journey ahead I will also truly miss many of the daily interactions of the school community that has been home for me since August of 2018. This letter serves as both a thank you and an invitation to stay in touch. Being a member of this team has filled my heart with joy in a variety of ways that words may not wholly express, but here I go.

It has been an absolute delight to see our exceptional students and staff work synergistically to embrace learning, establish safety, inspire curiosity, and encourage the entire Stuyvesant body to take steps toward a better tomorrow day in and day out. Witnessing educators, support staff, visitors, and young adults enter the building daily, prepared and eager to make 345 Chambers Street way more than a building deemed the top specialized high school for our city has filled my heart with hope for the future. Time with all of you has simultaneously solidified my championing of the public school system and has created magical memories that will serve as a guide throughout the next chapter. Having spent five years speaking with and working alongside our families, scholars, instructors, coaches, leadership, community members, and extensive partners have demonstrated that Stuyvesant is truly an institution where meaningfully collaborative conversations take place and an ever thriving growth mindset prevails.

What many who have not spent extensive time at Stuy are unaware of is the following. In addition to academic All-Stars the halls are graced with extraordinary musicians, phenomenal future playwrights, cutting edge fashion designers, uniquely creative artists, politicians with a purpose, global navigators, determined athletes, healers, entrepreneurs, authors, philosophers, future leaders in every field, and most importantly, kind, warm hearted, hardworking, caring human beings. In the season ahead positively affecting a new population of learners and their cheer squads as I continue on my own learning journey, I am certain that my new community will be served by an improved version of myself for the time spent with each of you. In distinct ways, you have all made my tenure here a collection of moments I will always treasure, whether you are aware of it or not. It is with the greatest gratitude, warmest wishes, and utmost admiration that I hope each of you will continue to express yourselves artistically, travel, expand, use, and access language to bring people together, sing, dance, or celebrate when you are happy, and will continually set goals, work toward achieving them, and renew them regularly.

Please know that while there will soon be a farewell to the observable daily smile and intentional wave hello in the hallways, I will always appreciate you and am happy to support your endeavors in any way possible in the future. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Stuyvesant High School. Thank you for all you have done to energize me along the way.

Best wishes always,



Francesca McAuliffe

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