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Dear SOTA Parents and Guardians:

It is my honor to share Dr. Peluso's announcement with you about Alan Tirre's appointment.



Superintendent Dr. Carmine Peluso is pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Tirré as the Acting Principal of School of the Arts. He officially begins his duties as Acting Principal on February 2, 2024.

Mr. Tirré began his career as a musician and music educator more than 26 years ago at the Nazareth Schools. In 2000, he accepted a position as Jazz Music Program Director at School of the Arts, where he is the current Academy Director. Mr. Tirré became a K-12 administrator in 2005 and has held various leadership positions, including Coordinator of Instruction for the Arts, Assistant Principal of the Arts, Assistant Principal, Academy Director, and Principal for an RCSD summer learning program. Always searching for ways to enhance the student arts experience at SOTA, Mr. Tirré has collaborated with key arts organizations in Rochester, such as the Eastman School of Music, the Hochstein School, Rochester Association of Performing Arts (RAPA), the Society of Chamber Music, the Rochester Oratorio Society, the Lyric Theatre, Geva Theatre Center, and the Rochester Fringe Festival. An award-winning artist, he was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and immigrated to this country as a young boy, becoming an American citizen more than two decades ago. Mr. Tirré is multilingual, fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, and is a professional photographer and saxophonist.

Mr. Tirré holds a Master of Science in Educational Administration from St. John Fisher University and a Bachelor of Music from the Crane School of Music, State University of New York College.

In addition to Mr. Tirre's appointment, Emily Buss was appointed as SOTA's Academy Director.

After almost 29 years with the Rochester City School District, I have decided to retire on February 3, 2024. I am sincerely honored to have served as a teacher, registrar, Academy Director, and Principal at School of the Arts for almost 28 years. It has been a privilege to work alongside the hardworking and dedicated faculty and staff at School of the Arts. Additionally, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our parents and community partners who have supported and promoted our school.

I have taken great pleasure in seeing thousands of scholars develop and flourish into confident, successful young people. Please know that it has been a joy and an honor to be part of the School of the Arts family. Your children have been a gift to me, and I will hold their smiles close to my heart as I move into the next chapter of my life.

THANK YOU to everyone for the support that you have given me over the years.

Sincerely,
Kelly Nicastro