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Dear Students, Parents, and Staff:

Today, Principal Brenda Pacheco agreed to serve as Acting Chief for the District's Northeast Zone, effective January 14, 2013. I know that this was a difficult decision for Ms. Pacheco, but on behalf of the District I am pleased that she will be applying her leadership skills to benefit more schools and students. Ms. Pacheco joined the District as a teacher in 1985, became a House Administrator at School of the Arts in 1994, and has served as SOTA Principal since 2003, except for a brief assignment at Central Office.

To ensure continuity for the School of the Arts community, I am also pleased to announce that Academy Director Kelly Nicastro will serve as Acting Principal. As most of you know, Ms. Nicastro has been a major contributor to SOTA's growth and success over the years. She began her District career at School of the Arts as a teacher in 1995, and joined the administrative team in 2002.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Pacheco and Ms. Nicastro on their new and expanded assignments. Both will remain in their Acting roles until the Superintendent determines the best long-term solution for leadership of school zones and School of the Arts. In the meantime, Central Office will work closely with the school to ensure that the transition disrupts students and staff as little as possible.

Sincerely,

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