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Dear Kirkbride Community,

It is my great pleasure and privilege to serve our amazing school community as the Kirkbride Principal! I'm writing this letter to share an update with my Kirkbride Family: I have the opportunity to take a sabbatical year for the upcoming, 2025-2026 school year. During this time, I will be stepping out of the principal role and will be engaging in professional development and personal rejuvenation.

I have every intention of returning to Kirkbride as your principal for the following school year, 2026-2027. My approved sabbatical will begin July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This year concludes 10 years of service for me! I have had the honor of watching your children grow, flourish and excel both inside and out of the classroom, and I look forward to many more years ahead when I return.

The staff and Leadership Team are equipped to continue to lead in my absence, and you can expect to receive the same high level of focus on our priorities and norms during my leave:

<u>Kirkbride Team Norms</u>	<u>Kirkbride Priorities</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All decisions are made for the good of the children● All voices will be heard● Decisions are made collaboratively● Respect all viewpoints and experiences● Be flexible, and ready and willing to compromise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>COLLABORATION</u>: build partnerships within our building and school community to provide access to high quality education in order to build strong academic and moral character.● <u>EQUITY</u>: create opportunities and break down barriers for all students to reach their goals and dreams, regardless of their race, ethnicity, status, culture, or identity.● <u>INSTRUCTION</u>: lead a culture of teaching and learning, driven by student achievement, and give our students and community members tools that empower.● <u>WELLNESS</u>: cultivate an environment that integrates social and emotional experiences and opportunities to promote care and mindfulness for all community members.

I'm pleased to share that a guest principal will be serving in my absence for the upcoming school year: **Dr. Janis Butler** (jcbutler@philasd.org) is an experienced leader within the School District of Philadelphia and she is looking forward to working alongside you in support of all of our students' success for the year ahead!

Respectfully,

Principal Julien

OUR MISSION: 100% of STUDENTS will gain admission to the HIGH SCHOOL of their CHOICE!