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Dear Countryside Families,

As you are aware, Emily Ostrower will be retiring in June after ten years as principal at Countryside. Over the course of her tenure, Emily has hired a highly dedicated and skill faculty and staff at Countryside and I know she is deeply proud of this legacy. I also know how much Emily has valued working with a richly diverse community. I am grateful for Emily's dedication and commitment to Countryside and know she will continue to do everything possible to provide support to the school until she leaves in June.

Selecting a principal is one of the most critical decisions made by a superintendent. Principals are expected to provide excellent educational leadership, establish a positive school culture, and manage the daily operation of the building. Since the principal's position impacts the entire school community, it is important that the process provides an opportunity for all voices to be heard.

As a result, I am setting up two meetings at Countryside; one for parents, and one for faculty and staff. At these meetings, I will review the process and timeline for selecting a principal, solicit input on the professional and personal attributes you seek in a principal, and explain how you may be directly involved in the search process.

The parent meeting will take place in the gym on January 25th at 8:30 a.m. If you are not able to make the meeting, we will provide an online venue for you to give your input on both the needs of the school and the quality and attributes you desire in the next principal. I look forward to working with you as we strive to secure the best possible leadership for all members of the Countryside community.

Sincerely,

David A. Fleishman
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