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Good Afternoon Caleb Community,

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Over the last two months, a team of Caleb staff members and parents, in partnership with the district, has been working to identify a new principal to lead this community, meet the needs of your staff and students, and continue your incredible work around IB, inclusion, academic improvement and student support. While the interview panel has worked tirelessly to identify the next Caleb principal, we have not yet been successful in our search. The district and hiring team acknowledges the need to find a permanent leader for Caleb and also knows that we must find the right leader to provide consistent leadership and communication and further the work the Caleb team has worked so hard to accomplish.

To this end, and rather than continue to staff the vacant principal position with short-term interim leaders, I am pleased to announce that Michele Rossi will be joining Caleb Greenwood as Interim Principal for the duration of the 2021-22 school year. Ms. Rossi is a current teacher leader in our district and brings with her over 20 years of both site experience and program leadership including district and international Science Training Specialist and summer school principal. She is passionate about leading the Caleb community and committed to providing the stability and consistency needed during a time already filled with many transitions and uncertainty.

While Ms. Rossi provides leadership as your Interim Principal for the duration of this school year, the district will continue to search for and recruit qualified candidates to permanently lead Caleb. We will reconvene our interview team in the spring, when we believe we will have a larger pool of applicants allowing us to properly screen, vet, and select the best leader for Caleb Greenwood.

Dr. Walls will continue to support Caleb through mid-November and time will be built into the next few weeks to allow Ms. Rossi and Dr. Walls to connect, shadow, and transition the leadership responsibilities. I will support the Caleb community and Ms. Rossi throughout this transition and the school year and look forward to becoming better acquainted with the Caleb community.

I sincerely hope you join me in thanking Dr. Walls and Ms. Chadwick for their service and welcoming Ms. Rossi with the warmth and inclusivity for which this community is known.

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