Thursday, February 11, 2016

Dear College View Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce to you that I'll be stepping down as the principal of this amazing school at the end of this year. For the past five years, I have had the absolute pleasure of leading College View and helping to turn it into one of the most innovative and dynamic schools in Denver.

In reflecting back over the past five years, I'm thrilled about all the positive changes we have made, including the very strong increases in academic achievement, the focus on character, and the very positive changes in overall school culture. We have made the education at College View more about the whole child and less about test scores, and I think you can feel it the moment you walk in the building.

While I'm proud of these changes, I'm most proud of the amazing staff that has come to call College View home. This entire staff is filled with hard-working and remarkable people that care deeply about all of our kids! This is a building full of leaders and learners who are philosophically-aligned to figuring out a better way to make education fun, engaging, and new; they do not settle for what we have done in the past. I'm so proud of the work that has been done and am super excited about the team that will be here next year to continue the work.

So, it is time to find and name a new leader. Our very own Jane Paz has put her hat in the ring, and from here, it is up to the community, staff, and students to choose who would be best to continue the work. I personally won't be part of the process but would like to ask for your help in selecting the next principal. If you are interested in participating in the hiring process, please come see me so I can collect your information. Along with our Collaborative School Committee and Personnel Committee, we want and need your voice in the process.

As for me, I'm such a believer in the power of language, and I really want my own three children to speak Spanish; so, I have accepted a principal position at a school in Monterrey, Mexico. I'm nervous, excited, and hopeful that my family will grow closer together in the experience while learning a ton about a different culture.

It is with eternal gratitude that I thank you for your support and help in making College View so wonderful! This has truly been something WE have done TOGETHER!

Cheers,

Mr. Gamba