¡Hola familias!

It is with great honor, extreme pride and much humility that I say I am your new Academic Dean here at Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion. As many of you know I have been the Immersion Coordinator here for the past five years and now I am transitioning into this new administrative role. I am excited to continue to serve our global leaders in a new capacity and help strengthen our program.

I strongly believe in Language Immersion and our program here at Phyllis E. Williams. My knowledge spans over the course of 15 years of experience working in Language Immersion programs all over the country and each experience has given me the opportunity to grow and learn a new tool, technique or strategy to help children fall in love with language and learn in the language. I, myself, am a product of Language Immersion. I spoke Spanish at home and learned English in school and then I also learned French at an Immersion elementary school, so I understand the power of language and the doors it can open. It is my goal to help bring the love of our language and culture alive. Most recently as the Spanish Immersion Coordinator I have been able to help build and strengthen our program through my work as the leader hosting school-wide cultural events, specialty programming, and curriculum development that help our teachers instructionally bring the language alive.

I will continue to help guide our staff and provide support so that we can continue to become better. I will continue to work with parents to facilitate workshops and have parent nights so we can all be informed. It is my goal to continue to work together so our children can succeed in becoming bilingual, biliterate and multicultural. I know the strength and passion of our community and how hard we have all worked to make sure that our students receive the best education possible. I ask that we continue working together and I look forward to serving the community in my new role. Thank you again for your support.

Gracias,

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Andy Gomez, Academic Dean