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Nova Family,

It is with mixed emotions that I send you this correspondence. Most of you know that I am near retirement as I complete my 19th year as principal of Nova High School. We collectively have formed relationships that have promoted student achievement for all students at all levels. Not only have we sent students to some of the finest post secondary institutions in the country, but as equally important is the undeniable fact that we have opened doors for all students who chose Nova High School in their attempt at striving for a better education amidst a variety of challenges they have endured and overcome under our watch. I have always felt that we have "saved" so many students by taking the time to invest our hearts in them.

Having said that, I have made the decision to leave Nova at the end of the school year and finish my career at the end of October working for the district in the Office of School Performance and Accountability (OSPA). This is a decision I have made because I believe it is important for my successor to begin the school year when students return in August. I will finish out the 2019 school year and am looking forward to my last of 19 graduations where we will graduate about 500 students.

I will truly miss the students, staff, parents and the entire Nova family. I look forward to spending more time with family including my two beautiful daughters as well as my wife who has been my best friend through this wonderful journey. I will spend summers in New England where I have recently built a new house, which has been a lifelong dream.

I will close with this. I thank God for the wonderful opportunity to have led this great school and feel blessed to have such cherished memories of a career where I have been truly blessed. There is no higher calling in the world than to be an educator and serve others, especially our youth. I will forever be grateful for the relationships I have built with passionate educators, supportive parents and wonderful students. I wish you and Nova High the best and feel confident knowing that the school will continue to maintain its reputation of excellence for years to come.

God Bless,

Dr. John R. LaCasse