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Dear Challenger Elementary Teachers and Staff,

I am writing to inform you of Mark Bea's transition as Principal of Challenger Elementary to Principal of Endeavor Elementary effective December 13. This transition follows the resignation of Matt Quada as Principal of Endeavor School effective Friday, December 12, 2014. Matt has resigned for personal and health reasons.

While Mark is transitioning, we are confident the overall educational experience for the students will not waiver given your professionalism and care of students as the teachers and staff of Challenger Elementary. Thank you for all you do in service to the students and their families

With Mark's transition, our Central Office Leadership Team has asked Teressa Gatza to move into the role of Acting Principal at Challenger Elementary. She has accepted. As one of your peers, you know Teressa has served Kentwood Public Schools as a teacher for 11 years as well as a summer school principal and substitute principal at Challenger, Bowen and Discovery.

Across the district, Teressa has been a leader and collaborative team member serving on various educational leadership teams. She has also been an outstanding new teacher mentor during her tenure. Teressa has worked closely with Mark over the course of the years and is prepared to step into this role. Please affirm and congratulate her on this new appointment.

Miss Cohen has done a remarkable job during her Michigan State Interniship in Teressa's classroom this fall and is ready to continue teaching Teressa's class from February through April. Teressa plans to work closely with Miss Cohen with planning and any questions that may arise.

Let me again express my thanks for your commitment and service to the students and families at Challenger Elementary. If you have any questions regarding these transitions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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