



August 5, 2020

To the Princeton Day School Community,

As we plan for and anticipate the start of the school year, I wanted to share that Renée Price, Head of the Middle School and Assistant Head of School for Academic Life, will take a leave of absence beginning immediately. Renée anticipates resuming her duties on or about December 1, 2020.

To advance Renée's excellent work, I have asked three members of the faculty—Nicole Mangino, Channing McCollough, and Tara Quigley—to lead the Middle School in Renée's absence. I have asked each to take on a new role and carry several classes, allowing the Middle School the benefit of both their leadership skills and their teaching mastery. All have expressed their eagerness to support our students, faculty, and parents in this way. Their commitment is truly heartening.

While their roles will be more fully defined with the start of the school year, I wanted to outline their fundamental responsibilities:



Fifth Grade Dean Channing McCollough will be responsible for student experience in Grades 5 and 6. Channing will be the point person for students and parents in those grades.



Eighth Grade Dean Nicole Mangino will be responsible for student experience in Grades 7 and 8. Nicole will be the point person for students and parents in those grades.



Tara Quigley, Director of the Miss Fine's Center, will oversee the on-campus and remote Middle School academic program.

I'd like to thank and recognize four other members of the Middle School faculty who have joined with Nicole, Channing, and Tara: Humanities Chair Amy Beckford, Deans Jonathan Martin and Angharad Rebholz, and DaVinci Coordinator Annemarie Strange. Each of these school leaders has worked closely with Renée since the start of our remote-learning experience in March, and, as is the case with Nicole, Channing, and Tara, all enjoy Renée's full support and confidence, and mine.

Given the immense respect and fondness Renée has engendered during her time at Princeton Day School, you may wish to reach out to her now. Yet, we will also want to honor Renée's wish for privacy at this time. During the period of her leave, you may send Renée notes of care and support to her Princeton Day School email address: rcprice@pds.org. Please do not text her. Renée will access and respond to email as she is able.

As you have questions about the information shared here, please be in touch with me directly.

Until Renée returns, we will be guided by her example of leadership of our School and stewardship of its students.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PJSt", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul J. Stellato