



PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

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Mrs. Karla Garcia, Principal – Personalized Learning Program

September 21st, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to share some significant news regarding my role as Principal of the Personalized Learning Program. It is with a mix of emotions, excitement, and a touch of sadness that I announce my transition to a new role as Principal at the Freshman Academy, effective November 13, 2023.

While I am eager to embark on this new chapter in my career, I want to assure you that my time at the Personalized Learning Program has been incredibly rewarding, and that your children and this school community hold a special place in my heart.

I hold great P.R.I.D.E in the achievements and growth we have witnessed together during my time as Principal. The support and dedication of parents like you have played a crucial role in shaping the success of our school and students.

I also want to reassure you that the students at the Personalized Learning Program will be left in excellent hands. Our school has a strong support team and a dedicated staff who are deeply invested in the well-being and academic progress of your children. I have no doubt that they will continue to uphold the values and standards of excellence that define our school.

As I embark on this new professional journey, I will always hold dear the memories and relationships formed at PLP. I look forward to hearing about the continued growth and success of our students and school.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support, and I wish you and your children all the best in the future.

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I am honored to return to the Freshman Academy as Principal. My career in Perth Amboy includes 19 years as a mathematics teacher, Data Coach, Dean of Students, Vice Principal and most recently, Principal of the Personalized Learning Program and Adult Education Center. My professional experience has provided many perspectives on what is needed for the advancement of our programs, families, students, and staff.

As a Perth Amboy High School graduate, I am humbled to have the privilege to help lead the development of our community through education. I look forward to working with you towards the success of our students from the great City by the Bay.

It is important to note that I have worked with the previous Principal, Mr. Guarino for many years. This has allowed for discussions of the current status of the programs and the vision that has been established which will allow for their continued growth. I am excited to build upon the vision for the Freshman Academy in a manner that will continue to highlight the perseverance of the community of Perth Amboy.

As Principal, I am excited to support the community and the students of Perth Amboy. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karla F. Garcia

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