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Ms. Jovan A. Moore, Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As we start off the new school year, I wanted to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to our GAMP family. For those of you I have not met, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Ms. Ortiz and I am the Dean of Students at GAMP. I have been a teacher at GAMP for the past 19 years. My interaction with students from 5th to 12th grade during my time at GAMP, and my use of restorative practices to guide their social and academic interactions, lead me to the position of dean. I work cooperatively with the principal, counselor, and staff, as we develop the positive school climate found at GAMP.

As the Dean of Students, I work with our school's principal to further develop and improve the school's academic and behavior programs. As a professional educator, I understand and respond to the challenges presented by our diverse student population. Creating a healthy, safe and inclusive school environment is my goal. To that end, please consider me your first point of contact when there are questions regarding school issues such as bullying and harassment and any other behavior considered inappropriate for our school community. I will work with you to address the situation and include any members of the school community that can create the most positive and productive outcome for you and your student.

Your support enhances and enriches the classroom program for every student. I wish to thank you for your help and assistance. If you encounter any unexpected obstacles or just need assistance in ensuring your child's successes here at GAMP, please don't hesitate to contact me. You can contact me through email, which I check regularly, at mpecarsky@philasd.org or by calling the school office during regular school hours.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ortiz
Dean of Students