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Dear Members of the Herricks School Community,

It is my pleasure to inform you about two significant new administrative appointments in Herricks. At last evening's Board of Education meeting, Natasha Khan was appointed Director of Guidance, K-12 and Eleni Chronas was appointed Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Both appointments are effective July 1, 2020.

Ms. Khan will assume the role currently held by Lori Dorr, who will be retiring, effective June 30. Ms. Khan has extensive experience as a school counselor, most recently in the Garden City School District, where she has been a counselor for the past sixteen years. Ms. Khan is a certified mindfulness practitioner, who also holds certification as a wellness coach practitioner. Ms. Khan holds Bachelor and Master's degrees in psychology and school counseling from St. John's University, a certificate in college counseling from UCLA and an advanced certificate in educational leadership from Long Island University. She has held leadership positions in the Nassau County School Counselor's Association, and was the recipient of the Nassau County Counselor of the Year Award in 2014.

Ms. Chronas will be replacing Susan Saban, who will be moving on to another district next year. Ms. Chronas has experience as a teacher, school psychologist and supervisor of school psychologists. She currently serves as the Assistant Director of PPS in the Garden City Public Schools. Ms. Chronas holds a Bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University, a Master's degree from Touro College and a diploma in educational leadership from Queens College. She is a member of the Long Island Association of Special Education Administrators. Ms. Chronas has experience with a variety of special education programs and services.

Ms. Kahn and Ms. Chronas are child-centered educators who bring tremendous experience, knowledge, and passion to their new roles in Herricks. They will both play critical leadership roles as we focus on meeting the social-emotional needs of our students and families when we return from our school closure. I know that you will join me in giving Natasha and Eleni a warm welcome to the Herricks School Community. We also wish to extend our appreciation to Ms. Dorr and Ms. Saban for their dedicated service and many contributions to Herricks.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Mother's Day!

Regards,

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