

May 28, 2020

Dear Kensington Creative and Performing Arts Family -

As we finish out this unprecedented school year, I want to thank you for everything you are doing to support the Kensington CAPA students as they learn at home and, in the case of our seniors, prepare for the next stage in life. Thank you!

I am also excited to share an update on the principal hiring process for next year. After interviewing more than 20 candidates, we have found an experienced leader who is ready to be the next principal of Kensington CAPA. Below, you will see a letter from Principal Patricia McDermott-Fair. I want to thank all of the staff, students and families that provided input in this extensive search process.

Last, I want to thank Dr. Agosto-Cintron. Dr. Agosto-Cintron has tirelessly led the school for the past five years and will continue to lead Kensington CAPA through the end of this school year.

Sincerely,

Ryan Scallon
Assistant Superintendent

Dear Kensington Creative and Performing Arts Family -

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you as the incoming principal of Kensington Creative and Performing Arts High School as of July 1, 2020. It is truly an honor to become a part of the KCAPA family and community. Over the past couple of weeks, I have been given the opportunity to learn about the school from leadership and staff. I can already tell that it is a unique and special place and I am incredibly excited to become a part of it.

I come to you with 24 years of experience as an educator, in which 20 have been with the School District of Philadelphia. I have spent my years as a classroom teacher and school based instructional coach and leader. Most recently, I have served as the Assistant Principal of Frankford High School.

This summer I look to spend the majority of my time working with the school leadership team to ensure a smooth transition. I will get to know our building, our community, and familiarize myself with the unique needs of our school. I believe that each and every student deserves a high-quality education. This only happens when all stakeholders put our students at the center of our work. Keeping that in mind, I will be calling on the support of the KCAPA staff and parents to work together as a unit.

I am honored to be given this opportunity and look forward to immersing myself completely in our school and our community. Together, we will do all we can to make sure every KCAPA student is College and Career Ready.

I look forward to meeting you and welcome you to a virtual meeting on **Monday, June 8th at 4:00 PM.** You can join via computer at the following link: meet.google.com/coj-baij-dan or phone at: **1- 219-767-0153** and the **PIN: 750 155 929#** If you cannot attend feel free to email me at pmcdermott@philasd.org to set up another time.

Yours in education,

Mrs. Patricia McDermott-Fair