



Toronto District School Board

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff of Bessborough Drive EMS:

As was shared in a previous letter to the community, after many successful years as a teacher and school administrator, Principal Patricia Broderick will be retiring from Bessborough Drive E & MS this June. Ms. Broderick has demonstrated a true commitment to students, staff and community at all the schools she has served throughout her career. She has always placed the needs of each and every student and staff member at the forefront, affording them an opportunity to reach their potential. Ms. Broderick has transformed Bessborough into a school steeped in 21st-Century learning with her incredible focus on Global Competencies and curriculum leadership, resulting in improved learning opportunities for staff and students alike. We would like to thank Ms. Broderick for her many years as a dedicated educator and wish her all the best in her retirement. The next stage in her life journey is sure to be filled with excitement and adventure.

On Wednesday, June 10, 2020, the Board approved the transfer and promotion of Principals and Vice-Principals for the next school year, effective September 1, 2020.

We are pleased to announce that Dima Nijmeh-Mantia is the new Principal at Bessborough Drive EMS. Ms. Nijmeh-Mantia is an experienced educator, who is currently the Principal at Bedford Park PS. She values working collaboratively with staff, students and parents and possesses the knowledge and skills to promote student success. She is a strong advocate for student voice and 21st-Century learning and is excited to build new relationships with the Bessborough community. We are confident that she will provide outstanding leadership, alongside her Vice Principal, Frances Themeliopoulos, to the Bessborough Drive school community in the years ahead.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Howard
LN5 Superintendent of Education

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Rachel Chernos Lin
School Trustee, Ward 11

