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Sterling High School Community,

I have great news to share with you. We are pleased to announce that we have selected a new principal to lead the Sterling High School campus – Justin Fuentes.

A 17-year veteran educator and administrator, Mr. Fuentes comes to Sterling from the Houston Independent School District High Schools Office, where he spent the past four years serving as both director and school support officer.

While in the High Schools Office, Mr. Fuentes placed a strong focus on college and career readiness and helping ensure students are prepared and ready success after high school graduation.

Mr. Fuentes helped develop the HISD Futures Academy program, which provides high school students the opportunity to earn career training in high-wage, high-demand industries. Prior to joining the High Schools Office, he helped open Challenge Early College High School — the state's first early college high school. As principal and dean of early students at Challenge, his goal was to better prepare students for post-secondary education.

He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in Educational Leadership from the University of Houston.

Mr. Fuentes has overseen many high schools during his tenure, but he has intimate knowledge of Sterling, where he spent three years serving as school support officer and mentor to the campus administration. That combined with his commitment to student growth and academic success makes him a perfect fit for Sterling High School.

He starts Monday, June 8. I hope you will join me in welcoming him to our school. A meet and greet will be held in the coming weeks. I encourage you to come by and introduce yourself. I know that he is eager to meet all of you.

I would also like to thank Sterling High School parents and students for their continued cooperation and support during this time of transition. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we have worked to find the very best person for this position.

Best regards,

Harrison Peters  
Chief High Schools Officer  
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