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Jack Yates 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 Jack Yates High School campus – Kenneth Davis.

Mr. Davis is a decorated, veteran school administrator with more than two decades of experience in educating disadvantaged youth. He most recently served as a middle school support officer for the Houston Independent School District, where he has worked for the past five years.

Prior to that, he served as principal of Dowling Middle School, the district's largest middle school with an Apollo designation. While at Dowling, Mr. Davis used stability and structure to build a positive and safe culture and climate on campus and develop strong relationships with the surrounding community.

Before coming to HISD, Mr. Davis spent eight years working in the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District and another 11 years working for the Alief Independent School District. While at Lamar Consolidated, he was named as the National Distinguished Principal for Texas and Region IV Principal of the Year. While in Alief, he was named as Teacher of the Year by the Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators.

Mr. Davis received a bachelor's degree in child development from Rockford College in Illinois, and a master's in Educational Leadership from the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

In addition to his tenure and experience, Mr. Davis is a dynamic and innovative educator with a true commitment to student growth and academic success, all of which make him a perfect fit for Yates High School.

Mr. Davis will officially become principal of Yates on Wednesday, June 10, but he has already starting transitioning into his new role. 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 Jack Yates 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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