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I am reaching out to share that I have made the decision to return to the classroom and to my roots as a high school English teacher next fall. This decision is the culmination of a great deal of soul-searching. I wanted to share this news and my rationale with you, and I thank you for your kind attention to this message.

Stepping away from my leadership position at Cal High is a bittersweet decision. Serving at the helm of this remarkable school has been an honor. Indeed, it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my nearly 30 year career in education.

Please know that I did not make the decision to return to teaching lightly or without deep consideration for the students and staff that I have grown to love so dearly.

Our District is embarking on a remarkable journey toward exciting developments in teaching and learning. SRVUSD's commitment to innovative instructional practices has been pulling at my teacher heartstrings. As I participated in discussions and professional development about these new initiatives, I frequently found myself contemplating how exciting it would be to get back to the classroom where I could work directly with students and put these contemporary strategies into action.

As a professional, I believe that staying closely connected to the essential work of an organization is critically important in order to be a positive and impactful leader. My goal is to return to teaching here in the District to reconnect, hands-on with teaching and learning, and return from this instructional sabbatical more informed and empowered to serve effective instruction.

I know my colleagues at the District office are focused on securing a principal who will respect and honor the job as I have, and I will do all that I can to offer support, collaboration and encouragement, so that the Cal High school community has a smooth start to the next school year. Our school community is amazing, so I have every confidence that we will attract a leader with the passion, purpose, warmth and compassion that our students, staff and families deserve. To ensure a smooth transition, retired High School Principal Janet Terranova will come on board as the interim Principal through the end of August. Look for information to come to you soon regarding the hiring process.

To the brilliant Cal High Staff- I am deeply grateful for my colleagues' professionalism, dedication and extraordinary work. I know that you will continue to serve and inspire our students to reach their highest potential.

To the promising Cal High Students - You are my inspiration. Watching you grow academically and socially has been a true joy. I will keep an eye on your progress and take pride in your successes.

To the supportive Cal High Families - Thank you for entrusting your children to me, and to our Cal High Team. It has been, without question, the greatest honor to help guide the heart of your hearts; your children. They are remarkable.

With warm regards,
Megan Keefer
