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Dear District 32 Community:

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Superintendent Sheila Gorski on her retirement, effective November 5, 2021. I am deeply grateful for her 36 years of dedicated service to the children of New York City and District 32. She has built a district where every student is valued and held to high expectations for their success. She leaves a strong legacy of instructional leadership and excellence through enrichment opportunities for all students from STEM and STEAM to Project Based Learning to District-wide Computer Science. She has truly led a district where every student can be successful, no exceptions.

Secondly, I would like to introduce Dr. Rebecca Lozada as Acting Superintendent of District 32, effective November 8, 2021. Dr. Lozada is currently the Deputy Superintendent of District 32 in Bushwick, Brooklyn but began her career in education teaching K-5 classes, coaching staff and working as an instructional leader and advocate for students in District 32. She was also an adjunct professor at LaGuardia Community College teaching the Bilingualism and ESL courses to aspiring teachers and later on in her professional trajectory, she became the principal of 25Q201 for ten years, where she transformed the school into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning hub, making it the first NYC school with a Creative Learning Systems Smart Lab.

In 2018, Dr. Lozada returned to the District 32 community as the Deputy Superintendent. She brought with her extensive experience as an educator and a leader and coupled that with her passion for the students and families of Bushwick, Brooklyn. During her time with District 32, she has worked to establish a District Instructional Leadership Team to strengthen instruction in every D32 classroom. She has also launched the District 32 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Team to develop an equity lens to examine structures, systems, and processes across all schools in order to make learning more equitable for all students. She continues to prioritize building leadership capacity at all levels and she champions the Kids At Hope initiative to grow the belief that all students are capable of success, No Exceptions!

Therefore, I would like to congratulate Dr. Lozada who will bring her 32 years of experience to move District 32 forward. She is looking forward to working with Community Education Council (CEC) 32 and collaborating with the Brooklyn North NYCDOE Borough Office to implement the Academic Recovery Priorities and Instructional Principles in school year 2021-2022. District 32 is well- positioned for success in the 21-22 school year and beyond and a



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new permanent superintendent will be selected following the completion of the Chancellor's Regulation C-37 Process for hiring a new Community District Superintendent.

Lastly, it is my honor to serve as the Executive Superintendent of Brooklyn North and I look forward to continue supporting District 32 as it moves on with a new Superintendent. Please feel free to reach out to me with any comments, questions or concerns regarding this transition in District Leadership at [KWatts@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:KWatts@schools.nyc.gov) or at 929 462 4700.

Be well.

Kindly,

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