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Dear PS 154 Community,

My name is Jason Foreman and I am honored to serve as your new principal. Please accept my sincere thanks for the warm welcome so many of you have shown me thus far. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been chosen to join your close-knit community, with its dedicated and experienced staff, who are held in such high regard throughout our district. Mr. Buckley and I share a vision for PS 154 that ensures a progressive and responsive education for all of our students, and I am excited to collaborate and learn from him as we work alongside our staff to bring this vision to life.

I'm also the proud parent of an incoming kindergarten student; PS 154 is my neighborhood school. As a parent, I feel the urgency to pack the most meaning into every day that I spend with my daughters. The elementary years are the most formative for our children and will be the longest period of time that our children spend at one school. We have a tremendous responsibility to ensure that they are well-equipped to carry the joy and learning from their time with us far into the future. I take on that obligation with purpose.

I began my career in education fourteen years ago, teaching a class of students who had a wide range of abilities within New York City's citywide special education program, District 75. Later, I became an assistant principal in District 75 and oversaw multiple school sites. I've spent the last two years as assistant principal of PS 10, nearby in Park Slope. Each role has taught me the power of relationships, the need to connect every decision to our goals for children, and how a school can truly thrive when its entire community is united, working to fulfill a clear mission for students.

My first classrooms in District 75 proved to be the best training I could have asked for. There, I learned the nuts and bolts of instruction, and along with that, I came to understand that every child has a vast inner world to share, often beyond what adults know. I believe that when we approach all children with the dignity and respect that they deserve and encourage them to take risks and ask questions, they will develop the confidence to take ownership of their learning. With an emphasis on self-direction, our children can be *courageous* in their actions, *curious* in their thinking and *caring* in their relationships. We are all partners in sustaining this learning space for our students. As such, Mr. Buckley and I invite your ideas, contributions, and feedback. Please do not hesitate to share your thinking with us about the types of supports that help our children to flourish.

I am thrilled to get to know each of our students and their families. Please plan to join our parent community on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30pm in the MMR. At that time, we will have the opportunity to formally meet and begin working together for the benefit of each child at our school.

Sincerely,

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To the families of PS 154,

I feel very fortunate to have served as the Acting Principal at PS 154 this year. This has been a great learning opportunity for me. I appreciate all of the support from the staff and the parent community throughout my time here.

I am happy to announce that I have accepted the role of Assistant Principal. It is important to me to stay on as a member of the school family. I look forward to being involved in the many initiatives that we began at PS 154.

Jason Foreman and I have been in constant contact over the past several days. I believe that we will be an excellent team. We have similar visions for the future, and we are eager to begin collaborating so that we can build upon the school's many successes. I am committed to making this a smooth transition, and I am very excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

We hope that you can make it to Superintendent Anita Skop's parent meeting on Tuesday, June 12th at 6:30pm in the MMR. It will be a great opportunity to meet your new administrative team. Thank you all for making this a memorable year!

Sincerely,

Michael