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Dear Sanislo Elementary School Staff, Students and Parents,

I am honored to be appointed as the Principal at Sanislo Elementary School! I am very excited to build a new community with all of you, and look forward to working with you to create a school where all students are welcome, cared for, and supported scholars.

Prior to being appointed as Sanislo Elementary principal, I was principal for five years at Daniel Bagley Elementary in the North Greenlake neighborhood. Before Daniel Bagley, I was Assistant Principal for two years each at Meany Middle School and Pathfinder K-8. My time as an administrator in a comprehensive middle school, a K-8, and an elementary school has prepared me well to serve as your principal, and my experience has taught me that it is crucial to look at more than just the academic needs of a student: elementary school is the time when we instill the love of learning in our students.

My vision is to create an environment that supports the social, emotional, and physical needs of students to allow them to thrive in academics. I also believe strongly in obtaining and evaluating quantitative and qualitative student data, and I look forward to reviewing your students' work to support the teaching staff and make adjustments to meet the needs of our diverse learners.

Our community has so much to look forward to for the 2016-2017 school year! I am excited about Sanislo's participation in the Creative Advantage that will support arts education and I look forward to the students' demonstration of their learning. I am also enthusiastic to continue to grow and develop the Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) in order to support all our learners. Lastly, I cannot wait to get to know the smiling faces of the children at Sanislo Elementary, and I look forward to partnering with parents and the PTA!

There are a few changes to classroom configurations that I would like to make you aware. The following is the classroom make-ups and the teachers:

- Kindergarten – Breita Roback
- Kindergarten – Lisa Hanson
- First – Gloria King
- First – Marisol Moroles
- First/Second Split – Marilyn Tsuboi
- Second – Sylvie Kovnat
- Second – Ellen O'Connor
- Second/Third Split – Heather Barker
- Third – Mary Kay Parkhurst
- Fourth – Maria Elena Velasquez
- Fourth – Chris Simmons
- Fourth/Fifth Split – Shannon Crowley
- Fifth – David Goldenkranz

One of the biggest changes you will notice immediately as you pull up to the school, two single classroom portables. Sanislo now has three portable classrooms which will house our two second grade classrooms and a third grade classroom.

I anticipate many wonderful years at Sanislo Elementary School and look forward to being part of a community to ensure that systems and programs are well-established and sustainable.

Sincerely,

Erika Ayer