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Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff Members,

After 36 years of service to the New York City Department of Education, I have decided to retire. It was a bittersweet day for me when I announced that I would be stepping down as the Principal of Public School 36 after more than 12 years as a principal and 10 years as an Assistant Principal. Working here at P.S. 36 for all those years has been both a privilege and an honor. I will miss you and your children very much.

Being the Principal of P.S. 36 has changed my own life and the experience of working with you to improve the social emotional and academic lives of the students has been extraordinary. When I said this is the best job, I've ever had I really meant it. I will never forget the students, their families, and the incredibly talented staff and teachers that I've been fortunate to work with here. All of you made my job more rewarding, exciting and fulfilling.

For more than 22 years now, I have been fortunate to wake up each morning knowing that I had the opportunity to serve the school that I care so deeply about.

As I have said many times it has been teachers, staff members and parents who have enabled me to see our students make progress year after year.

What did I see when I first arrived at P.S. 36? The first thing that struck me was the collaboration between educators and staff members and that has remained a constant throughout my time at the school. With your unwavering dedication and guidance transformative change was possible. For all of your efforts to better the lives of our students and their families I am forever grateful. Together all of us including assistant principals, teachers, paraprofessionals, school aides, nurses, custodian and kitchen staff as well as safety agents have made our school the excellent academic institution it is today.

Together we have also implemented an outstanding comprehensive PreK-5 program that is thriving and in great demand.

Before leaving I want to say that all the things, we have achieved here at P.S. 36 is really a tribute to the commitment of all staff members who were dedicated to improving the lives of our students. The entire P.S. 36 community including staff, parents and students will always hold a special place in my heart and after I leave, I will think of you often.

In the meantime I look forward to continuing our discourse over the coming days. P.S. 36 will continue to be the Rising Stars of Castle Hill. I wish you all a happy and successful life. I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Quyên Quach will be the interim acting Principal. Ms. Quach is fortunate she will be working with such a talented group of teachers and staff members. It is my firm belief our students and families will continue to grow and learn under her leadership. As I leave I do so confident I am leaving the school in very capable hands.

Sincerely,

Elvira Maresca

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