

January 2, 2024

Dear Columbia High School Families,

This morning, I informed Columbia High School faculty and staff that Mr. Frank Sanchez is presently on leave as principal of Columbia High School. At this time, no one in the District is at liberty to share any details pertaining to his absence.

Effective immediately, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Ann Bodnar will serve as acting principal of Columbia High School until further notice.

We will provide updates to you as soon as we can.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Kevin F. Gilbert Acting Superintendent of Schools The School District of South Orange and Maplewood

CC. Members of the Board of Education Senior Leadership Team Lynn Irby Hill, ASCA President Rocio Lopez, SOMEA President