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Fellow Dragons,

The purpose of this communication is to inform of actions taken by our Board of Education during a special meeting held on Thursday, April 11, 2019.

During the meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of Vineland Elementary principal, Mary Ribble-Smith. We are sad to see Mrs. Ribble-Smith leave the De Soto District and also very excited for her and her family as she begins a new chapter of leadership as principal of Brennan Woods Elementary in the Northwest School District.

The Board of Education also approved the administrative transfer of Mrs. Alex Mahn from the position of De Soto Junior High School Principal to Vineland Elementary School Principal beginning July 1, 2019. Mrs. Mahn is currently serving as principal of DJHS. She has loved the opportunity to serve the amazing staff, students, and families for the past five years at DJHS. Prior to the leading the Junior High, Mrs. Mahn was a second grade teacher for nine years at Vineland elementary and an outstanding principal at Athena Elementary. Mrs. Mahn is looking forward to returning to the building where she started her career.

As a district, we strive to put our students at the forefront of all decisions. We know our students in both buildings will be affected by these changes, and we need your assistance in ensuring our kids have the support they need during this transition.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility regarding these changes. We know the change has different implications for everyone and appreciate your understanding. Please feel free to call your student's school with any questions. You can always reach me at Central Office (636) 586-1000, on my cell (573) 590-1878, or via email at [isaacson.josh@desoto.k12.mo.us](mailto:isaacson.josh@desoto.k12.mo.us). Go Dragons!

With Dragon Pride,

Dr. Josh Isaacson  
Superintendent of Schools