

Dear Lincoln community,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the graduation ceremony yesterday. The young people who have received their diplomas are the pride of our community. Their future is bright, and so is the future of our school. Today, I wanted to share with you some major changes we are making to build a stronger future for Lincoln.

When school begins this fall, there will be a new leadership team in place. We are making these changes to create a nurturing and sustaining school climate that will enable all students to achieve their full potential. Michael Brunker, the longtime Executive Director of the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA and current YMCA Vice President for Mission Advancement, has agreed to take part in the national search effort for a new leadership team at Lincoln. He has been a true friend to our school, and a respected leader in District E and throughout the Lincoln community. The Chairman of the Lincoln School cluster, Roosevelt Blackmon, has also agreed to serve on the selection panel. I look forward to providing additional information soon on opportunities for the entire school community to take part in the process.

None of the programs planned for this summer or the fall will be impacted by these changes. It was extremely important to me to make this announcement following our graduation, so as not to distract from our students' special day. I am sharing the news now so that we can begin searching for leaders of the highest caliber to direct the future of our school community. In the meantime, if you have any questions about programs or placements for the fall, please email me directly at [sfreire@sandi.net](mailto:sfreire@sandi.net).

Together, we have accomplished some incredible gains on behalf of our students. Watching our football team win the 2018 CIF southern regional championship, learning our seniors have received more than \$12 million in scholarships and grants, and a combined 481 (and counting) acceptance letters to attend college -- are highlights of which we can all be proud. They make everyone very optimistic about the future of this wonderful school.

It is an honor to serve you and your students.

Sincerely,

Sofia Freire  
Area Superintendent