

June 21, 2018

Dear Parents and/or Guardians of Monarch Park Collegiate Institute and School of Life Experience (SOLE)

Appointment of Incoming Principal and Vice-Principal

The Toronto District School Board, at its meeting held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, approved a number of promotions and transfers of school administrators within the system to take effect September 1, 2018. As a result, there will be a change to the administrative team at Monarch Park Collegiate Institute and School of Life Experience (SOLE). Principal Cynthia Abernethy has accepted a transfer to Harbord Collegiate Institute and Vice-Principal Laura Houghton has accepted a transfer to Dr. Norman Bethune Collegiate Institute.

Welcome to Principal Virginia Pang who is an experienced principal transferring from Western Technical Commercial School and THESTUDENTSCHOOL. Ms. Pang has a great deal of experience leading large and complex mainstream high schools as well as an alternative school. These schools have had multiple programs such as Specialist High Skills Majors, Cyber Arts, Robotics, Gifted and Special Education programming. Ms. Pang is very committed to student achievement and working with parents and the community to ensure success for all students.

We also welcome Vice-Principal Lesley Gage, transferring from Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts. Ms. Gage is an experienced vice-principal familiar with Monarch Park Collegiate Institute as she has been the on-site principal for the summer program, Power Your Future. This provides her with familiarity of the community and the facility. Ms. Gage actively involves students in leadership opportunities, is highly visible and is committed to supporting all students and staff. She creates a learning environment in which parents are welcomed as partners in their children's learning.

Thank you to Principal Abernethy for eight years of strong leadership at Monarch Park and this year, SOLE. She has provided excellent direction, support and guidance to the students and staff there. Her relentless pursuit of excellence and her proactive approach has been noted and appreciated. We wish her well as she accepts a principalship at Harbord Collegiate Institute.

Vice-Principal Houghton, after seven years at Monarch Park is transferring to Dr. Norman Bethune Collegiate. We thank her for all her commitment, hard work and dedication to the students and staff at Monarch Park. Best wishes to her as she accepts the vice-principalship at Dr. Norman Bethune.

For the upcoming school year, we anticipate the continued excellence that has been established by Principal Abernethy, Vice-Principals Laura Houghton and Craig Gerow and the entire Monarch Park Collegiate staff.

Sincerely,



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