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Equity Task Force Members

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Dear Pearl River Community,

The Pearl River School District (PRSD) is pleased to announce members of the Equity Task Force that will guide the district in its efforts to become a more diverse, equitable and inclusive learning community.

Charged by and reporting directly to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education (BOE), the Task Force will work to develop a plan with specific actions to ensure that all members of our school community have the opportunity to equitably experience everything PRSD has to offer, focusing on structural and environmental barriers to the success of students, families, faculty and staff of color, and other underrepresented groups.

The Equity Task Force will launch with a focus on several key areas:

- Student Support
- Curriculum Materials
- Professional Development and Staff Support
- Community Education
- Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Every member of this task force is coming from a different place, with different life experiences and different perspectives. We will listen, ask questions and seek to understand where we are and where we need to be as a school community. Our mission demands that we respect the dignity of every person and strive to build a community in which everyone can flourish.

The establishment of this task force draws on the experience and expertise within our community and holds us accountable to remain steadfast in our support of all students, families and staff.

On April 12, the BOE adopted Policy 0105 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity in Education - which calls for the establishment of an Equity Task Force that will take on the challenge of providing a school environment that supports all students and provides equity in opportunity. The group will work to assess the experiences of people of color and members of other diverse groups, using data to guide its efforts, and, ultimately, proposing solutions to move the school district forward.

Work of the Equity Task Force will start in September. Regular updates will be provided to the school community, demonstrating sustainable progress in collective learning, alignment, strategic planning and strategic execution with measures.

Members of the Equity Task Force:

Denise Anselmi	Kelly Keane	Sue Pariot
Miguel Arias	Kathleen Kearney	Andrea Pompey
Grace Arnold	Eileen Kennedy	Patricia Reilly
Anine Booth	Elizabeth Kurzawa	James Riley
Eric Borcharding	Trisha Lanese	Dan Robins
Mairead Brennan	Nicole Lehoczký	Fiona Robinson
Brian Burns	Patrick Lenihan	London Romero
Norma Canals	Krista Marinelli	Samuel Selgado-Hernandez
Kathleenann Cool	Lindsey McCarthy	Kathleen Sullivan
Shirley Crabbe	Erin McGee	Kristin Talleyrand
Brandon Cruz	Patrick McNamara	Beth Toubin
Tiffany Flynn	Kevin Mercurio	Jeanenne Verret
David Gray	Lila Moreno	Amy Voelkel
Anthony Graziano	Kevin O'Connor	Jason Williams
Angelique Haraguchi	Jennifer Ortiz	So Yeon Yang
Chelsea Jevens	Stephen Parisi	Robert Zegarelli

A chairperson for the Equity Task Force will be announced this summer.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marco Pochintesta
Superintendent of Schools