



Chula Vista Elementary School District
Discovery Charter School
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Dear Discovery Families:

We hope you and your family have enjoyed your spring break and everyone is safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing our students continue to work hard during this last quarter and reach their end of year grade level goals.

As you may know, Discovery is one of five charter schools in the Chula Vista Elementary School District. There are three others similar in size, with a variety of programs including a middle school. Because charter schools are considered their own district in a variety of ways, with many of the same responsibilities as multi-school districts, all the CVESD charter schools have an Executive Director to lead their school communities. As the principal of Discovery, I have been taking on the additional duties of an Executive Director with the support of Ms. Alamo.

Because our Discovery Charter Board recognized that the leadership responsibilities were not aligned to the expectations of the work, and not comparable to the other charter schools in CVESD, they made the decision to realign our management structure. At the March Board meeting, our Charter Board approved a new leadership role: Discovery Charter School Executive Director - and promoted me to this position. As a result of this move, Ms. Alamo was then promoted to the position of Principal, effective April 1, 2023. As principal, Ms. Alamo will also have the authority to make school leadership decisions regarding the management, curriculum, safety, and social emotional well-being of our students. And together as a team, we will continue to be at Discovery collaborating and communicating with each other and with our staff, parents and community, keeping a focus on the best interest of our students, so they continue to grow, achieve, and engage in all the incredible opportunities that Discovery has to offer.

Ms. Alamo and I truly appreciate the support you have given us and the partnerships we have developed with our families. As always, our doors are open to you. Please feel free to contact us by phone, email, or schedule a meeting whenever needed.

Let's all work together to finish this year strong!

Sincerely,

Neil MacGaffey
Executive Director, Discovery Charter School