



Emilie Ritchen Elementary School

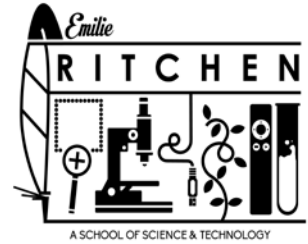
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Dear Ritchen Students and Families,

After three years of serving the Emilie Ritchen school community, I have accepted a new principal position at Juan Lagunas Soria Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year. Ritchen will forever hold a special place in my heart. Throughout these past three years, I have forged so many positive relationships with the students, families, and staff and have created and shared in so many great memories with each of every one of you. We have experienced so much together in these three years and have become stronger together as a result. Thank you for all of your support during times of celebration and during times of challenge. As parents and caregivers, you serve a critical role in the life of your child, especially now while we continue to be faced with a global pandemic and with nation-wide issues of racism, inequity, and oppression. You have demonstrated strength and resilience during difficult times and stepped up to the plate to support us when it counted most. I am honored to have had the opportunity to be your school principal and will cherish the times we were able to experience together. I am excited to share with you that Mr. Nauman Zaidi has been appointed as your new school principal and will continue the great work we have been able to accomplish to this point. While I am still uncertain as to when school will resume in the new school year, I am confident that Mr. Zaidi will effectively and positively lead Ritchen into the next chapter to come.

With sincerity and appreciation,

Dr. Andrés P. Santamaría