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To our Albany High School community,

I am so honored to be the new principal of this fantastic school! My twenty-six years in education, which includes twenty-four in Albany, have provided me with valuable insights into a school where academic rigour and individual student purpose are consistently ranked among the highest priorities of the community. Having served in both general and special education teaching positions, matched with principalships at MacGregor, Albany Adult School and Marin,, I will apply what I have learned to promote positive relationships and systems, founded on trust, respect and effective synergy amongst staff, students and the greater Albany community. I look forward to working with our student, staff and family stakeholders to facilitate pathways that strengthen communication and that obtain enthusiastic commitments towards supporting all students. My ability to produce tangible results will support the high expectations of Albany High with strong, loyal site leadership, accountability and clear expectations that ensure the entire school team understands and acts on behalf of our students.

Looking at 2017-18 and beyond, there are many opportunities for me to work with Albany High in multiple areas included in your Site Plan for Student Achievement. I will coordinate efforts to support our school culture in which high expectations for academic achievement, postsecondary readiness, and social/emotional resiliency are evident in student learning outcomes and the professional growth of all staff members. My goal is to always make sound decisions by assembling multiple perspectives and facts while weighing potential outcomes that affect our community. I look forward to working on best learning practices, assessment systems, interventions strategies and supporting the next level of cultural competencies that Albany is currently exploring.

The breadth and depth of my teaching and administrative experiences in Albany aligns with that synergy already present in this incredibly resilient school. I look forward to continuing my service in our success-oriented learning community and thank you in advance for your support and contributions in 2017-18.

Respectfully,

Alexia Ritchie, Principal
Albany High School