March 11, 2022

To the Byram Hills School Community,

This afternoon I announced to the Wampus faculty and staff that I am proud to recommend Dave Mack to the Board of Education as the new principal of Wampus Elementary School, effective July 1, 2022. This is terrific news for our school community!

Dave Mack has been the assistant principal at Wampus for the past four years and has had 15 years of experience in the District. He is committed to our students and programs, and was integral to Wampus’ successes throughout the pandemic, both from an operations and a curricular standpoint.

Dave Mack started his career in Byram Hills as an HCC guidance counselor and has used those skills at Wampus in developing a social-emotional curriculum for students with the new guidance counselor and teachers at all grade levels. His work with grade level teams on curriculum development demonstrates his ability to be the new instructional leader of Wampus. Mr. Mack is a strong leader who values student voice, and his partnership with Kim Lapple at HCC and Peggy McInerney at Coman Hill will enable the District to continue to maximize on our K-12 experience for all students.

Please join me in celebrating Dave Mack’s anticipated appointment on March 22, 2022!

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

September 26, 2020
To the Byram Hills School Community,

Yesterday marked 17 days of in-session classes at Byram Hills. We are fortunate to have been able to bring our schools back—but every day we must focus on the safety measures needed to keep us all safe. One such measure is guarding our school community against the spread of COVID-19 when cases occur.

I am sending a community reminder this morning about District communication related to COVID-19. On September 14th I sent a community message about a COVID positive case and relayed the Department of Health conclusion that quarantine was not necessary for other individuals based on the number of days that had passed since the COVID-19 positive individual had been in our schools. I notified our community that unless you hear from the District and the Department of Health, there is no determination (after investigation) that a COVID-19 positive case would have affected you.

Today I write to remind you that we will have positive cases, but that anyone deemed by the Department of Health who needs to quarantine will be notified. Otherwise, I will not be sending notifications each time there is a positive case.

I know that it is likely that we will have to quarantine parts of buildings or whole buildings when a situation warrants it, and we will be ready to do so to protect our school community. Know that you will receive a communication from me, should that ever be the case.

Thank you for keeping your family safe so that we may all continue to go to school each day.

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools