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Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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Dear TMS Parents:

I am pleased to announce that **Zeffro Gianetti** has accepted my offer to serve as the Interim Principal at Thurston for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Gianetti is retiring as the superintendent of the Mansfield Public Schools at the end of June. He began his career as a music teacher in the Franklin Public Schools, eventually serving as their K-12 Director of Music. Mr. Gianetti has served as a middle school principal or assistant principal in 4 different districts. Prior to becoming a superintendent in 2014, he was the principal of the Harold Qualters Middle School in Mansfield.

People who have worked with Mr. Gianetti emphasize his visibility, his ability to form positive relationships with all people, and what a pleasure it is to work with him. During my conversations with him and with Allison, he asked all the right questions, demonstrating the insight he has gained through years of experience into the mission, culture, and functions of a school. Best of all, Mr. Gianetti has expressed how excited he is to be around middle school kids again. I am confident that he will provide the experienced, steady leadership required for an interim position. As previously communicated, we will run a full search next winter for a permanent principal.

Mr. Gianetti will begin his new role at Thurston on July 1st. He is very interested in meeting members of the community. We aren't entirely sure what his summer schedule will be at this point, but will keep you posted about opportunities to meet him. If you are away for the summer, you will certainly be able to meet Mr. Gianetti at the TMS open house on August 24th.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Emily J. Parks
Assistant Superintendent