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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

I am writing to inform you that our Senior Director of Educational Equity, Somaly Prak-Martins, has resigned from her position with the Milton Public Schools effective January 19, 2022. I want to thank Ms. Prak-Martins for the work she has completed over the past 13 months, and I want to assure you that we will continue the great work she started.

Ms. Prak-Martins worked tirelessly to bring the issues of diversity, anti-bias, equity and inclusion of all students, staff and community members to the forefront of everything we do in the Milton Public Schools. She was the conduit between MPS and Cambridge Education during the Quality Review Process and she met with staff, students, administrators, community groups as well as with the Town’s Equity and Justice for All Advisory Committee to provide guidance and support in the areas of anti-bias, acceptance and inclusion.

As Ms. Prak-Martins stated in her letter to me, “Change is hard. Behavioral change (especially the ones that have existed for centuries) is even harder, messier, and extremely uncomfortable to do. To do this work and to sustain any kind of change, one must be purposeful, intentional, and patient.” Ms. Prak-Martins thanked all who worked collaboratively with her and who are committed to this important work.

The district will be advertising for this position in the next week or so and will organize a screening committee to interview potential candidates. As we get closer to this process, I will keep you informed via email, School Committee meetings and the Superintendent’s Blog.

Again, I want to express my gratitude to Somaly Prak-Martins for sharing her expertise with us. I am sure you join me in wishing for her continued success.

Sincerely,

  
James F. Jette  
Superintendent

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