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Dr. Edwin M. Quezada
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Saunders Trades & Technical High School Students, Staff and Families:

Over the past eight years, I visited Saunders Trades & Technical High School to learn more about the school's students, staff, programs and families. During conversations with members of the school community and working closely with the administration, I have developed a strong understanding of the unique culture within the school and the accompanying instructional needs.

Thank you to Principal Steven Mazzola who will be retiring June 30, 2023 after 23 years at Saunders as a teacher, assistant principal and principal for the last 19 years. Mr. Mazzola's leadership has laid the foundation for academic excellence for every student. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Mazzola encouraged opportunities for students to thrive in industry standard programs.

Beginning August 15, 2023, Jeremy Rynders will assume the principalship at Saunders Trades & Technical High School. I am confident that Mr. Rynders will provide strong leadership to foster a vibrant instructional program enabling all students and staff to achieve their full potential. For the past year, as Assistant Principal Rynders, he has had the opportunity to work with and learn from Principal Mazzola and the outstanding Saunders administrative. This experience will enable a smooth transition for the entire learning community.

Mr. Rynders came to Yonkers in 2018 from New York City where, for 12 years, he was a science teacher and Assistant Principal at the Bronx Leadership Academy II and Stuyvesant High School. In 2018, he joined our school district as the assistant principal at the Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School.

Mr. Rynders attended the University of Texas at Austin where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology with Liberal Arts Honors and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. At Lehman College of the City of New York, he earned a Master of Science degree in Science Education grades 7 – 12 and from Baruch College of the City of New York a Master and administrative licensure in School Building Leadership.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Rynders to this position beginning in August. I know that he is eager to embrace this role and forge strong relationships with Saunders students, staff and families.

If you have any questions, please contact RoseAnne Collins-Judon, Assistant Superintendent Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction, at 914-376-8281.

Sincerely,

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada

C: President Rev. Lopez, Vice President Dr. Del Vecchio and Members of the Board of Education
RoseAnne Collins-Judon, Assistant Superintendent

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