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**Dr. Edwin M. Quezada**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Cross Hill Academy Students, Staff and Families:

Over the past seven years, I visited Cross Hill Academy to learn more about the school's students, staff, programs and families. During conversations with members of the school community and working closely with former Principal Gail Joyner-White, I have developed a strong understanding of the unique culture within the school and the accompanying instructional needs.

Thank you to Ms. Joyner-White for her outstanding leadership over the past 3 years at Cross Hill Academy, which has laid the foundation for excellence at the school and her 12 years of service to the District.

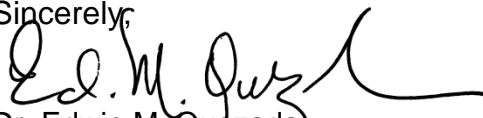
**Beginning this August, Principal Ryan James will lead Cross Hill Academy.** I am confident that Principal James will provide strong leadership to foster a vibrant instructional program enabling all students and staff to achieve their full potential.

Principal James joined the Yonkers Public Schools in 2003 as a substitute teacher, was hired as a Special Education teacher and served as an assistant principal in elementary and high schools.

Please join me in welcoming Principal James to this position. I know that he is eager to embrace this role and begin forging strong relationships with Cross Hill Academy students, staff and families.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Frank Hernández, Assistant Superintendent Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction, at 914-376-8066.

Sincerely,



Dr. Edwin M. Quezada

C: President Rev. Lopez and Members of the Board of Education,  
Dr. Frank O. Hernández, Assistant Superintendent