



Central Park East I Elementary School

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September 4, 2019

Dear Families,

It's late in the afternoon before school. I have been waiting a long time to start this letter, because I have been waiting to see what I could report. The news, as of this hour, isn't what I hoped.

On Friday, Marisol officially resigned to take a teaching position closer to her home. Even when Marisol's departure was not certain, we were interviewing, just in case. As I wrote in mid-August, we lost a very promising candidate right minutes before the citywide, school-to-school transfer period closed for the year. The transfer period closed, but we found a creative alternative. Unfortunately, the veteran teacher we found was not given the go-ahead to start work tomorrow.

Without getting too far into bureaucratic details, I do not know if she will be given the go-ahead to start at all.

So here's what's good: Eunice. Eunice has been setting up this other classroom in the event she had to lead on the first day. All of our four-fives already know Eunice and Winnie, and most of you already know Eunice's and Winnie's talents with fourth and fifth graders. For now, we'll call Room 224 "Eunice's Class," and we know that class will start smoothly.

We're not done seeking solutions. It's possible that the teacher who has been present in our school for several days will be approved to start work officially. It's also possible that we will move onto other options.

I am disappointed not to be writing a formal introduction now. I am grateful to have Eunice, Cecilia, Jessica, and Winnie teaming up for our four-fives.

We'll keep you up to date on this situation. Look for a big first-day letter tomorrow.

-Gabriel