

January 27, 2021

Dear Nathan Hale Community,

Please join me in congratulating Principal Teque, who has announced her retirement as of Monday, February 1, 2021. She has had a distinguished career and has served the students and families of the Boston Public Schools for 35 years.

Ms. Karen Loughran, Director of Data and Culture at the Nathan Hale, will serve as interim principal for the remainder of the year beginning this Monday, February 1, 2021. Ms. Loughran has worked in Boston Public Schools for 23 years. During her career, she taught and was also on the administrative team at Charlestown High School. She spent 10 years at the Trotter as a member of the team that turned the school around - attaining Level 1 status and winning the EdVestors School on the Move Prize. As a result of Principal Teque and Ms. Loughran's leadership, the Nathan Hale was named a School of Recognition by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Next month, the search process for a permanent principal will begin. Please watch for an invitation to a community meeting where a screening committee made up of staff, parents, and community will be selected to conduct the search. It is a priority for members of the committee to reflect the diversity of the school.

On behalf of the district, I thank Principal Teque for her unwavering belief in each and every child and for leading with passion and love. She will be missed!

Sincerely,

Dr. Grace Wai,
Elementary Superintendent

cc: Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Superintendent
Albert Taylor, Jr., Chief Office of Human Capital