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Hale Charter Academy Parents, Teachers, and Students,

We once again find ourselves at the end of the school year. As always, it seemed to both move slowly and be over in the blink of an eye. Culmination was a beautiful ceremony, and sadly we have to say goodbye to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had many memorable events to mark the end of their three years at Hale: the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Awards Ceremony, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Picnic, yearbook purchases and Grad Night. 8<sup>th</sup> graders, you will be missed! You will always be a part of our Hale family. Congratulations, and we wish you success in High School.

In reflection, we have had many school wide successes this year. Hale Charter Academy was honored by being named a 2019 California Distinguished School. Preliminary results of the California Standards Assessments reveal that our student proficiency rates continue to climb, showing a 4-year growth in Math and English proficiency of approximately 11%. We are so proud of our students' effort! We continued with our focus on the common core standards and both the access and use of instructional technology. These achievements were highlighted during our annual charter review, earning Hale recognition as a high achieving charter school.

Our Visual and Performing Arts Academy (VAPA) program finished its third successful year and will be petitioning the Board of Education this month to become a new Magnet. This Magnet is scheduled to begin the fall of 2020. Although taking on a slightly different face, VAPA will stay committed to arts integrated curriculum, co-curricular experiences, and connecting with industry partners. Our VAPA Showcase was once again a huge success. The talent that our students showcased at this event and throughout the year in our Visual and Performing Arts electives was unforgettable. We thank our incredible elective teachers for their dedication and hard work.

We also completed our third successful year of the STEAM Academy and our second year with the STEAM Magnet. Magnet teachers continue developing a math, technology and engineering centered curriculum. Magnet students participated in Maker Space and STEAM Day. Northrop Grumman again sponsored a variety of competitions on our campus, including our annual STEAM Robotics Competition and our annual STEAM Science Fair that featured over 400 student projects. Some of our STEAM students went on to place in their respective categories at the LA County Science Fair and they proudly represented Hale at the state competition.

With college exposure and preparation as their focus, our Avid Program continues to shine with a 95% culmination rate. The teachers and Aides created a family-like, cohesive environment that allowed students to thrive.

Hale continues to be a fun place to learn. Leadership and school clubs enrich our campus and bring wonderful experiences to our school and the community. We had countless sensational



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events, whether on stage, in the classroom or on the PE field, allowing students to shine throughout the year. With the addition of our PEP after school program, our co-curricular offerings are among the best in LAUSD.

We need to say farewell to nine of our amazing staff members; Mr. Capretta, Mr. Chong, Mr. Duke, Mr. Flores, Ms. McAfee, Mr. Peisner, Mrs. Shyngle, Mrs. Shon, and Mrs. Spoor. We thank you for your contributions to the students at Hale and wish you well in your retirement or new endeavors.

I offer a sincere thank you to our parents and our fantastic PTSA for all of the support throughout the year. Without this support, we would not be able to celebrate Hale's continued achievements. Thank you for making my fourth year as Principal of Hale Charter Academy a success. Have a fun and restful summer.

Mr. Perdigao