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Mission Viejo Parents,

I want to express my regret for the communication sent last Friday describing the PASS Tutoring program sponsored by our PASS parent committee (Partnership for Academically Successful Students). The PASS committee is focused on partnering with the principal to close the racial achievement gap; however the tutoring program is open for all students, regardless of race/ethnicity, and on a first come, first served basis. As your child's principal, I am equally concerned about the success of all students who attend our wonderfully diverse school.

I have deep convictions and take my responsibility as a school principal very seriously. This situation has not deterred me in any way from continuing to do my job with a dedication to excellence. I am committed to ensuring every child in our school succeeds while closing the achievement gap...it is a moral imperative for me as a public educator. I will continue to do both of those things with great passion.

In alignment with our District Performance Plan, Mission Viejo has set goals to increase the achievement of all students while eliminating differences in academic performance and growth by race. I welcome input from any and all community members to help us achieve these goals. As a community we will continue to work hard to establish strong positive relationships with parents through PASS, PTCO and Accountability meetings.

In addition to the PASS Tutoring Program, we have many other programs that are intended to help students including, but not limited to, Reading Together, Saturday Academy, Math Club, and Reading Clubs, as well as teachers who make themselves available for afterschool tutoring. If you have concerns about your child's academic progress, please notify your child's teacher and they will give you guidance on what steps we can take, together, to ensure your child's success.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


André Pearson, Principal