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Dear Sac High Parents and Families,

As you may be aware, there were a series of on-campus protests at Sac High last week. Students were voicing concerns regarding several campus policies, specifically related to uniform requirements, cell phone rules, and campus dismissal procedures. Sac High leadership, as well as administrative leadership from St. HOPE, worked with students over the last week to clarify their concerns and requests, and jointly reached resolution. Based on these discussions, we made a series of modifications to Sac High policies, effective immediately, that are noted below. Sacramento Charter High School scholars can:

1. Wear dockers style (regarding material) khaki or black pants or shorts that are at least knee length.
2. Wear shoes composed of the following colors: black, white, brown, gray, purple.
3. Stay in the main commons on campus one hour after dismissal time each day.
4. Use cell phones before or after school. During the school day cell phones must be turned off and kept away in scholar backpacks.

We would also like to inform you that there have been four staff resignations at Sac High in the last few days including Christina Smith, Site Lead, and as Chief of Schools, I will assume leadership duties of the school. At the moment we have three total vacancies, one of which is a teaching role, and we are actively recruiting for these positions. We have also hired an additional Dean of Students and an additional Office Manager. Our priority is ensuring the best learning environment for our scholars, with dedicated teachers and staff who are committed to St. HOPE's high expectations, and who will receive ongoing support and professional development training to continue to strengthen and reinforce Sac High's capabilities as a school. We are committed to student excellence, with a focus on college readiness, academic achievement, and future career success.

Leadership from Sac High and St. HOPE have arranged for a schedule of regular monthly meetings with student representatives to discuss ACT prep, college readiness programming, professional development for our staff around cultural competencies, and more. Additionally, I will be leading Student Senate meetings on a weekly basis which will provide an additional forum for communication. We take student concerns seriously, and hope future communication between scholars and staff will occur through the many other venues we have established for regular communication.

We are continuing to review existing campus procedures and will keep you posted on any additional changes. We will also keep you informed as we address the staffing changes at Sac High to ensure we have high-caliber, well trained and committed individuals in the right roles serving our scholars.

Thank you,

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