

Dear Valued School Community,

We're writing today with an important update regarding the search for our next principal. As you know, Yvonne Padilla plans to transition into retirement, serving as interim principal with 3-4 days per week calendar this upcoming school year.

We understand changes can lead to questions, and we want to assure you of our unwavering commitment to our school's stability and excellence. **Yvonne Padilla is returning in August as your interim principal**, exactly as planned. Her dedication to our students, staff, and community remains absolute.

As a founding member of Thrive Homeschool Academy, it is my pleasure and privilege to announce to you that Shannon Riker has been selected as Interim Principal. Mrs. Padilla and Ms. Riker will work together in the 2026 School year. The board was trusted and directed by the Memorandum of Understanding, the founding document for the school, to interview and select the best candidate to guide Thrive into the future. After 17 years of having one excellent person as the head of Thrive, Ms. Riker is clearly the right person for the job. We foresee her partnering with parents and families to lead Thrive into a very promising future.

It's important to know that **all the elements you count on at our school remain firmly in place**. The consistent way our school is run, our positive culture, and the dedicated staff members you appreciate — these essential aspects are not changing.

Furthermore, our fundamental guiding principles remain steadfast: **Our mission, vision, and values are firmly intact**. We will continue to provide enriching social and academic opportunities for homeschool students, foster a unique learning environment focused on enrichment, discovery, and creativity, and value every parent's right to homeschool as they see fit.

We are all excited for this next chapter in Thrive Homeschool Academy's history, and welcome any feedback you have for us.

Sincerely,

The School Board

Susan Dalnoky – Founding Board Member

Amber King – Active Board Member

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Shane Carvella – Active Board Member