August 3, 2015

Dear John F. Kennedy Students & Families:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as principal and welcome you to the 2015-16 school year! The school’s staff is hard at work to ensure that student schedules are accurate and complete, the Kennedy facility is ready for the first day of school, and families have the information necessary for a successful start of the new school year.

First, let me say that after four years as an assistant principal at Kennedy, I am both excited and honored to be in this new role. During my time here, I have been heavily involved in matters concerning curriculum and instruction, climate, safety, and behavior, and the school’s master schedule. Prior to my arrival to Kennedy, I taught ninth and tenth grade English at Luther Burbank High School for seven years, was a small learning community lead teacher for four, and served as an administrator for one. My teaching career began at the California State University, Chico where I taught in the first-year writing program for two years before moving to Sacramento. Without a doubt, the best years of my professional career have been those I have spent at Kennedy where I have been treated to a talented faculty, committed support staff, the best students, and supportive and interested families. I look forward to meeting and engaging you in the work that lies ahead.

I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer and are ready for the new school year! Please remember that school begins earlier this year; classes will start on Thursday, September 3. Additional information regarding this change may be found on the District’s website at www.scusd.edu.

The John F. Kennedy Counseling Center Staff have uploaded information pertaining to new and returning student orientation to the school’s website (www.jfk.scusd.edu). A great deal of valuable information is available, and I encourage you to take time to review it with your student. Should you have questions and/or concerns, please contact school staff at (916) 433-5200.

Sincerely yours,

David Van Natten
Principal