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Cobra Family,

I would like to say thank you. Thank you for the honor of being able to lead you these last three years. I have watched my first graduating class of New Tech graduate and bloom from shy 5th graders to ready to conquer the world freshman. My next journey leads me to another school where I will be able to continue to help develop a new tech program and create an impact with the same love and heart I have given my Cobra Fam.

Parents, I want to thank you for the trust you gave to me to put your children through our New Tech Program specially with not knowing anything about it at all in the beginning. The first-year struggle to get students to want to trust the process of this crazy concept of PBL and New Tech was real. Now Cobra Tech has the problem of not enough seats in the classes or student to teacher ratio limit and breaking barriers of growth in all content and grade levels. More than anything, thank you for trusting the outcomes of not just grades and content but the whole learner developed in your child. Some parents I know wish they can go back in time and have that shy child they once had but it is too late to turn back now, get ready for the voices of change and future leaders! Thank you for being the supportive piece of the New Tech journey that every school needs. From jammed packed events displaying PBL to student lead conferences, you have been the driving piece of success factor that makes a difference.

Cobra Students, What I will miss the most is the culture and love you show me in the hallways and high 5's, cheering you on at sporting events, and simple conversations at lunch. I will miss you teaching me the dance skills needed to keep me fresh and youthful. I will even miss those ugly looks or the rolling eyes of me asking you to take off your hoodie. I will miss each of your kind hearts and greeting me through the campus. Our deep conversations and myself trying to understand the cause of your worries or struggles. I can't wait to hear about all the great things you will accomplish in the years to come and will miss each of your warm smiles and your drive in your heart.

Lastly, my amazing Cobra Faculty. Thank you for the dedication and believing in the program and its outcomes that has transformed learning in our hallways. I love that I was blessed to witness and work with the most dedicated, hard working, resilient teachers and staff in the building I have ever been blessed with. It is because of all your efforts that this campus has grown. Your willingness to dedicate time to our students every single day should not go un noticed. I will miss you tremendously and thank you for trusting in me through the process.

Wherever the future takes you just know I will be cheering you on! I look forward to updates from your lives and where your education leads you. This is not goodbye but rather I will see you at the next stop. If I can inspire others as much as you have inspired me then I am content in knowing that my journey is a successful one.

Best of Luck Cobras,

Ruenna Valdez