Dear RMSEL Parent Community,

Each spring is exciting as staff members are seeking to take on new challenges, move to new locations, and transition to different roles within the field of education. While each transition presents challenge, it also presents opportunities for all parties. At this time, I am excited to welcome three new RMSEL staff members to our crew.

Lindsay Emery will be joining our crew full time next year, transitioning from her current position as an Educational Assistant in the 4/5 classrooms. Lindsay has been a member of our team, beginning as an Intern in Jenny Kapke’s Crew in the 2013-2014 school year. In addition to Lindsay’s work in the classroom, she has taken on many other opportunities at RMSEL. Lindsay has served as a wilderness guide during a high school crew trip, middle school basketball coach, and middle school soccer coach. In addition to her experiences at RMSEL, she also has experience ranging from camp counselor to camp administrator at the Stanley British Primary School. Her diverse background tied to our mission, along with her service at RMSEL, make Lindsay an amazing fit to launch the new Secondary AVID Program and support our lower school students with additional Movement opportunities next year. We are excited to have Lindsay continue at RMSEL on our crew!

Ian Silberman will be joining our crew next school year as the 9th/11th grade Humanities Teacher and Crew Leader. Ian has spent the last year teaching at Wyatt Academy in Denver. Last school year, Ian served as a long-term substitute on the middle school team as the 7th/8th grade Humanities teacher. Ian also comes with extensive experience working each year since 2009 with Bold Earth Adventures based out of Golden, CO. Bold Earth facilitates summer multi-day wilderness trips for secondary students in the United States and other international locations around the world. Ian is excited to return to RMSEL next school year.

Maggie Kane will be joining our crew next year as the 9th-12th grade Science Teacher and Crew Leader. Maggie has most recently served as the Academic Dean at Lake County High School in Leadville, CO. Lake County School District has been in the process of adopting EL Core Practices in all their schools over the past two years. Prior to her experience at Lake County, Maggie taught from 2003-2011 at Prescott Mile High Middle School, an EL school in Prescott, Arizona. In addition to her classroom experience, Maggie was also an adjunct instructor at Prescott College. Next school year, Maggie has been contracted to work at the NASA Operation Ice Bridge, flying over Antarctica collecting data on the ice sheets. Maggie has extensive experience as a leader and teacher in Expeditionary Learning Schools.

We are in the process of hiring to replace Erin Isley, who announced to her crew and families her departure for the 2016-2017 school year. Erin shared with families that the last seven years have been truly amazing working in such a supportive school community with invested parents and students. Erin is transitioning to spend additional time with her young family.

Sincerely,

Chad Burns