



May 10, 2011

Dear Staff, Families, and Community of John Stanford International School:

Today I am excited to announce a leadership change at John Stanford International School with the appointment of Jesely Alvarez as the new Principal, starting in the 2011-2012 school year. She replaces your current principal, Kelly Aramaki, who will serve as principal of Beacon Hill International School next year.

Since 2006, Ms. Alvarez has served as Assistant Principal at Hamilton International Middle School, where she led the development of the school's Spanish and Japanese immersion program, collaborated on the district's K-12 international school pathway and developed a school-wide service learning model with a global focus.

In addition, while at Hamilton Ms. Alvarez partnered with international, national and local organizations to provide grants for school improvement efforts in areas that included math, literacy, world languages, instructional approaches and strategies for closing the achievement gap.

Principal Alvarez started her career as a Spanish teacher, and also taught Language Arts and Social Studies at Madrona K-8 in the Edmonds School District. In 2002, she spent a year in Chiapas, Mexico as a Fulbright teacher.

She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington, her Master's in Education from Antioch University and her Principal Certificate from the University of Washington's Danforth Educational Leadership Program.

We will set up opportunities for building staff, students and families to meet your new principal. Thank you for the high expectations that you set for every student, and for all that you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Enfield".

Susan

Dr. Susan Enfield  
Interim Superintendent