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*Cecilia Saddler*  
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Dear Barton families,

I am writing to share with you that Principal Patrick Duffy will depart from Barton Open School at the end of this school year to become the Director of Leadership Development for St. Paul Public Schools. This role is one that will allow him to mentor and coach principals and assistant principals and lead their professional development – all strengths that Dr. Duffy demonstrated while serving as a leader in Minneapolis. Please join me in thanking Principal Duffy for his commitment to Barton students, families and staff and wishing him well in future endeavors.

Our goal is to find the best leadership match for Barton Open School. In the coming weeks, we will be working with the leadership council and school staff to help identify the qualities and characteristics of a school leader that are important to the Barton school community. We expect to announce the new principal by the end of the school year and have opportunities for the principal to introduce himself or herself to students, families and staff in the coming months.

I look forward to working with the Barton community throughout this process. I also want to assure you that we will continue to maintain a high standard of teaching and learning through this leadership transition.

Thank you for your continued commitment to your student's academic success. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 612.668.0140.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Saddler  
Associate Superintendent, Area C