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Greetings Daegu American School Parents and Communities,

My name is Chang Yu and I am the new principal for the Daegu American School (DAS). I have been a professional administrator and educator in the Houston Independent School District for over 15 plus years. I have extensive urban and international teaching, teacher training, and leadership experience to implement a successful academic program with high student expectations. Through continuous sound and supportive instruction, your child will be provided with the best possible nurturing and personalized environment. At the same time, DAS will prepare all students to be successful and be prepared through active and rigorous instruction as they transition and move from each grade level. Ultimately, our goal is to prepare all students to be college bound and become productive global citizens in the world and their community.

DAS will operate under a K-8 learning pathway. As such, many of our students will have opportunities to interface within a multi-level (curriculum) environment. Through such integration, the disconnect between different grade levels will be greatly minimized as students transition to the next grade level. In middle school, our goal is to ensure students take challenging and rigorous courses, and progressively attain proficiency (mastery) as they transition into high school

The established values, traditions, and culture at DAS will be reinforced and extended as our students grow and develop both academically and socially under the K-8 learning pathway. Our students and teachers will work together and build those necessary relationships to ensure that all students are supported in order to become successful. Our school will not only be a very safe and conducive place to learn, but we will become a model of success in DODEA where active and engaged learning takes place in each classroom, and where students are given opportunities to participate in enrichment and experiential learning.

Parents and friends/supporters of DAS, I truly welcome your involvement as you support your child and the school. I encourage your participation and feedback as we move forward in providing a world class educational program. Again, I am very excited for the opportunity to be instrumental in leading Daegu

American School. It is without question, the success of DAS depends not only on our wonderful and dedicated teachers, but the partnership of parents, the military community, and our Korean friends, so it is my job to open our school and be transparent, and to provide multiple opportunities for community involvement. I very much look forward to meeting all parents and supporters as we actively advocate and teach your child to open their minds and hearts to the people and world around them.

Your Principal,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chang Yu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chang" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Yu".

Chang Yu