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Dear Students and Parents,

I am writing to you to formally introduce myself after being appointed Principal of Lester B. Pearson High School for the 2020-2021 school year. My name is Tony Pita and it is an honour and a privilege to return to Lester B. Pearson High School after a twenty-two year absence.

In 1998, in the midst of a once-in-a-century ice storm, I was given my first position as a teacher of social studies at Lester B. Pearson High School. This was a challenging, yet rewarding start to my career. I am now returning during a pandemic that has changed our lives and forced us to better recognize those we cherish and perhaps even take for granted. I hope you and your family are well and keeping safe during these uncertain times.

Since 1998, I have accumulated much experience in a variety of settings, including as an in-school administrator. For the last eight years, I have been Principal at Royal West Academy in Montreal West. Prior to that, I was Principal of James Lyng High School In St. Henri and St. John Bosco Elementary School in Ville Émard. Both were inner-city schools that included an active and caring community.

Lester B. Pearson High School has a rich tradition dating back decades. I look forward to reacquainting myself with the school and the larger community over the next few months. As a resident of our territory, I understand the important role our educational institutions play in the development of a strong and resilient community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Steven Rebelo for his leadership over the past school year. Mr. Rebelo has been generous and committed to doing everything possible to ensure a smooth transition. I'd like to wish him luck in his new position and I look forward to working closely with him in the community, for the benefit of all of our students.

I wish you and your family a safe and pleasant summer and I look forward to meeting you over the coming months.

Sincerely,

Tony Pita
Principal



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