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Dear Parents,

I am very excited to announce improvements to the dance program planned for the 2018-19 school year. Our new performing arts center is expected to open in spring 2019. With the new facilities, we are expanding the dance program and broadening its scope. Dance is a wide-ranging art form; our program will reflect the diversity of dance performance in the professional world.

Accordingly, we are rebranding as the Torrey Pines High School Dance Company.

The company will offer diverse options for students and engage them in all aspects of the creative process. This includes contemporary choreography from respected artists. As a company, we can explore performance opportunities at school functions, local events, showcases in our new theatre, and competitions. The door for artistic expression is wide open.

My expectations for excellence will be high as ever. The dance company format will bring students' choreography, performance and understanding of the art form to a higher level. Beyond that, as a company we can achieve a most-important goal: to increase inclusion for students of all abilities and interests, and instill a lifelong love of dance.

The Torrey Pines High School Dance Company will build upon the accomplishments of a program that has produced award-winning teams and heavily-attended performances. During the past decade, the program has grown from a single class with 40 students to four class sections serving nearly 200 students. Through the years, guest choreographers and coaches have brought their talents to the school and will continue to do so. Torrey Pines dancers have performed at street fairs, holiday events and halftime shows. Our winter show, the Hot Cocoa concert, and year-end Expression Session showcase student choreography and include dancing from every student. I am especially proud of the alumna who have moved on to study dance at prestigious universities.

Drawing from a performance career as a professional modern dancer in San Francisco and San Diego, and from more than 25 years as a dance instructor, I am determined to provide the richest possible program for students, to challenge their abilities, to strengthen their technique and expand their appreciation and passion for this universal art form. As the Torrey Pines High School Dance Company, we will exceed all of these goals.

I look forward to working with your students.

We are TP!

Sincerely,

Sarah Kaye

Director

Torrey Pines High School Dance Company