



HIGH SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

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Dear Students of Art and Design,

My name is Maximillian Re-Sugiura and I am thrilled to announce that starting this school year, I'll be your principal at Art and Design. Many of you may have questions about who I am and how I will support you as you navigate the high school process and prepare for college and beyond. I'm looking forward to sharing in your successes and using my experience as an educator to help guide you through this exciting time in your lives.

You may also have some questions or anxieties about having a new building leader so close to the start of the school year. Please know that with your previous principal's support, I have spent much of this summer getting to better understand how Art and Design is one of the top art-focused high schools in our nation. I don't intend for that status to change. If anything, I see lots of opportunities for us to grow both in and outside of the classroom.

You're going to be seeing a lot of me. I'll often be greeting you in the morning as you come in. I will be in classrooms every day and joining you often in your extra curricular activities. Don't be surprised to see me in the bleachers for home games and in the studio, as well. Each grade will be hearing from me directly as I meet with you for town halls early in the Fall term. As the year goes on, we'll celebrate together your successes at awards ceremonies, performances and art openings. Your curiosities and concerns are important to me. Please know that I want to make your time at Art and Design positive and will work tirelessly to do so.

As an art student in the CUNY system, I studied silk-screening, broadcast media and fashion marketing at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Those passions have never left me and I still find time to make art because it is a large part of how I decompress from life's stresses and express myself.

I myself am the son of two artists; my mother, a jeweler and illustrator by way of Philadelphia, my father an interior designer by way of Japan. Art is at the cornerstone of my upbringing and critical to my life's experiences. My goal is to continue making a career and trade in the arts one of many possibilities for you. Through your hard work, cultivated talent, and collaboration, we can explore and expand on that very bright future.

Sincerely,

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