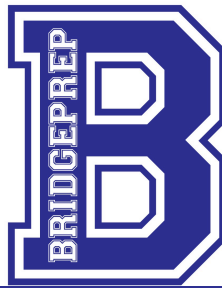


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Dr. Dayana Philippi
Principal

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Dear BridgePrep Families,

I have had the opportunity to share with many of you the happy news that my husband, Mr. Philippi and I are expecting to add a daughter to our family of four boys! I am sure it comes as no surprise as I think my growing stomach made that announcement some time ago. I will be taking a maternity leave of absence starting November 18, 2019. Barring any unforeseen complications, I am planning to return to my leadership duties in early February 2020. I will miss each one of our students while I am away on leave, but trust that they will continue to thrive under the guidance of our passionate teachers and delightful staff.

In anticipation of my leave, Ms. Stephanie Zolbrod has been named Director. During my absence she will assume the role of overseeing daily school operations. Ms. Zolbrod is an experienced and certified educator with a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. She possesses nearly 20 years of teaching, coaching and educational consulting experience. Many of you may already be familiar with Ms. Z, as she is fondly known, fulfilled multiple roles at BPA during our inaugural year and she continues to do so this school year. Most of you know her best from your almost daily interactions in car line. I feel confident that she will be a good fit for the needs of our students, faculty, staff, and community.

Rest assured that during my leave students will continue be well cared for and will remain engaged throughout my time away. Over these past 3 months, I've worked with all faculty and staff to get them up to speed and make the transition smoother. My instruction is to hold students and themselves to the highest of standards and to continue enforcement of school policies that I have put in place. As additional support, all faculty and staff will have ready access and guidance from my mentor, Ms. Patricia Garcia. Ms. Garcia possesses over 30 years of teaching and school leadership experience in South Florida. She currently serves as the lead principal for all 14 BridgePrep Academy Charter Schools across the state. Ms. Garcia and the curriculum and instruction team will be making frequent visits to our campus to provide timely support and ensure continued safety, supervision, and quality teaching.

During my time of maternity leave, I will have limited access to emails. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please first contact your child's teacher(s) directly. You can find their email addresses on our school website www.bridgeprepcollier.com. Ms. Z is available by phone at (239) 677-4211(office) or by email at SZolbrod@BridgePrepCollier.com. I look forward to seeing you all again when I resume by role and return to work with your precious children.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Dayana O. Philippi



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