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Dear PEP Families:

Welcome to Algebra 2! I am so excited to teach this class for PEP again. Algebra 2 was the first course I taught in a school environment, as I embarked on my second career. I taught out of this same textbook at Harvest Community School over 10 years ago and really love this course. I then taught it for PEP at the Eastside campus during the 2015-2016 school year and now for the past couple of years here at the Mandarin Campus.

You will find that Algebra 2 will be pivotal to your student's math career. Many colleges require math through this level, at a minimum. However, our PEP families and students are high achievers. So, this course will help guide you as you decide which course to take next. Specifically, if your student finds chapters 10-12 interesting, easy, or fun, then he/she will want to pursue Statistics. If your student gravitates towards the last chapter (13), then Pre-Calculus would be the next step. I look forward to teaching and inspiring all of you, as you grow in the love and knowledge of this higher-level math!

My family (husband, Michael, and daughter, Liliana, PEP "Graduate" 2020) moved to Jacksonville in 2010 for Mike's new job at Wells Fargo. Like my husband, I was a commercial lender in the banking world for almost 20 years. Fortunately, I was able to leave banking behind and stay home with Liliana during her early years. In 2008, I started working part-time as a tutor and private teacher. This led me to establish my own business, Diligent Solutions, LLC. I maintain a private tutoring practice and have also been a substitute teacher in the Duval County public schools, Harvest Community School, and Providence School. Teaching has always been something I felt called to, and God certainly had my circuitous path all mapped out. Isn't He just amazing?

If you are interested in my credentials, please know that I have been previously certified by the ACSI to teach math and business courses. I was also an approved adjunct/dual enrollment instructor for FSCJ for its Introduction to Business and Introduction to Management courses. I earned my undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, Magna Cum Laude) from Loyola University, Maryland. And, I earned my MBA (with almost straight A's) from Johns Hopkins University.

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at DiligentSolutions@Outlook.com or call/text me on my business cell phone (904) 716-7810.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Blessings,

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