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Dear PEP Families:

Welcome to Geometry! I am so excited to teach this class again. This is my 10th year teaching for PEP, and my 12th year teaching in a school environment (I have taught and tutored privately over the past 15+ years.). I just love math and look forward to helping your children come to love math too!

My family (husband, Michael, and daughter, Liliana, PEP 2020 "Graduate") moved to Jacksonville in 2010. While I had been a commercial lender in the banking world for almost 20 years, I "retired" in 2006 to stay home with Liliana. But, I could not resist the call to teach. After all, it runs in my family! My grandfather was a high school History Teacher and Principal; my father was a high school English Teacher; and my aunt was a community college Professor! So, in 2008, I started working part-time as a tutor and private teacher. This led me to establish my own business, Diligent Solutions, LLC, through which I maintain a private teaching/tutoring practice. I am so grateful that God has provided me this second career because I just love being in the classroom with your kids!

If you are interested in my credentials, please know that I taught math for three years at Harvest Community School (Algebra 2 Honors, Statistics Honors, and Geometry Honors) and have been previously certified by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) to teach math and business courses. I was also previously approved as an adjunct/dual enrollment instructor for FSCJ for *Introduction to Business* and *Introduction to Management*. I earned my undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, Magna Cum Laude) from Loyola University, Maryland. And, I earned my MBA from Johns Hopkins University (with almost straight A's!).

Now, let me advise you up-front that this is a tough, fast-paced course. We hit the ground running, especially during the first 2 weeks - which should be review. Please note that on the first day of classes your student will be turning in 2 items. First, please go over the Syllabus carefully. Signing it and turning in the second page will be your student's first Quiz grade. It should be an easy 100%! (Make sure to keep a copy for yourselves to refer back to throughout the year.) Second, remember to print out the first week's Lesson Plan from my Weebly site (www.pepmrsnorris.weebly.com). Your student needs to review and complete 3 Sections of Chapter 1, prior to our first class meeting. Parents will need to check the work and sign off on the Lesson Plan sheet for your student to show me on the first day. This will be your student's second grade. The 3rd grade for that first day of classes will be a Participation/Behavior grade.

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 will do my best to respond to you within 24 hours. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

In His Service (IHS),

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