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Greetings 7th Grade Families,

I am writing to inform you about changes that have occurred and will occur in the 7th grade related to Science instruction. I want to first thank you, families, for your continued patience as we have worked to staff Mrs. Lee's classroom after her departure. To update: we had a long term substitute in the position and for personal reasons, she resigned. We have worked tirelessly to staff the position and have been unable to find a viable candidate who meets the standards of excellence that we expect at Hamilton. As such, we are moving to redistribute Ms. Lee's former classes between Ms. Kelsey Arnone, 7th grade science instructor and Ms. Carolyn Brock, Science Team Lead. Both teachers are phenomenal and we are excited that the scholars will have the opportunity to learn from them. This redistribution, unfortunately, will impact Ms. Lee's former classes and most of her students' schedules for the remaining weeks of the school year. Students who may have Math or Language Arts teacher changes will be notified, in a small group setting, and also supported by our whole child team to process any feelings associated with the change. We understand that change can be difficult, but we are confident that this will be the best move for our scholars. We thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [Whitney\\_Weathers@dpsk12.org](mailto:Whitney_Weathers@dpsk12.org) with additional questions.

Thank you,

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