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Dear parents and guardians,

I am very happy to introduce myself as the new Principal of YouthWorks Charter High School. I am greatly honored to be able to continue to work with YouthWorks Charter High School, and our organization, Tucson Youth Development, in this new capacity. Tucson Youth Development and YouthWorks have a history of serving the youth of Tucson.

This new school year marks my seventeenth year in education. For the past three years, I have worked at both ACE Charter High School and YouthWorks Charter High School. After previously splitting my time between ACE and YouthWorks, I was fortunate enough to spend last school year here at YouthWorks, serving as the College and Career Readiness Advisor. Previously, I worked in the Sunnyside Unified School District, as both an academic advisor, and before that, as a teacher. I am a proud graduate of the University of Arizona with two undergraduate degrees and a Master's of Science in Mexican American Studies. I am also currently completing my dissertation in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Sociocultural Studies (TLS).

As the son of a lifelong teacher, I know the importance of providing a quality education for our youth – it is the reason I choose to work in the field of Education. As a lifelong resident of Tucson's south side, I know the strength of our young people, and the needs and struggles they often encounter. It is an honor to be able to work in a school and community with some of the kindest and most gifted people – students, parents and community members – that I have ever met.

Our focus is to ensure that students are prepared for life after high school, along with the same options that students all across Tucson receive. We are blessed with an amazingly gifted and dedicated staff, all of whom have a true heart for students. Our goal is to provide the best education that we can for your student(s). We cannot do this alone – we need your support. One of the areas of emphasis this year (and the years to come) is to build relationships and partnerships within our community. These community-based resources, along with the dedication and support from our community, parents and staff, will support positive outcomes for our students.

Please know that our door is always open to you if you have questions, concerns or ideas. All of us at YouthWorks are looking forward to an exciting 2019-20 school year. Thank you for your time and your support, and most importantly, thank you for sharing your students with us. They are the true motivation behind what we do each and every day.

Sincerely,

**Michael Olguin**  
Principal  
YouthWorks Charter High School

*"Alternative, rigorous, technology-enhanced instruction for "at-risk" youth leading to graduation and preparation for success beyond graduation."*