To MCS Families from Jamie Mathisrud

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Dear MCS family,

"You will go out with joy and be led forth in peace" Isaiah 55:12

As you learned recently, I have made the decision to follow God's lead and I will complete my time as Student Life Director at the end of this school year. I look forward to a new chapter, which will allow me to be home with my children during these priceless years.

But I cannot leave without expressing a few things to you first. Above all, I want to thank you for your support these past 5 years. Each missions project, pancake breakfast, spirit day, lunch rally, leadership event, ASB cabinet, Evening of Honor, Fall Kickoff, F-cubed, Take-out-Tuesday, Luau, Talent Show, trip to Washington, D.C., the Oaks, and Pine Valley, O.C. Marathon water station, chapel, and more COULD NOT have happened without your support! You have partnered with me in prayer, service, and, most importantly, by standing beside your student to encourage him/her to enter in to student life at MCS. THANK YOU!

My greatest passion has been serving your kids and watching God grow within each of them a heart to serve Him and "do" love on our campus and beyond. I am grateful beyond words for the time I have spent with them, and, quite honestly, the thought of not being with them daily makes this one of the toughest decisions I have ever made. Yet, after months of prayer and studying God's Word, by His Spirit He has shown me that truly His ways are higher than mine, and I must trust His leading.

So, yes—I am being led out with *joy*—not because I am leaving, but because I am filled with joy at what God allowed me to be part of during my time at Mariners Christian School. And, though my heart aches at saying goodbye, I have peace as my umpire, affirming that God has both started and will continue to do good work here at *His* school!

Thank you again for allowing me to serve your children and watch them grow in Christ.

In Christ's Love,

Jamie Mathisrud