



July 27, 2017

Dear Las Positas Family:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! The summer break is ending and school will begin soon. Everyone from the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District will come together on Monday, August 14th at the Chabot College campus. This is one of the rare opportunities for the whole District to meet, sharing and learning from each other about important educational, governance, political, and fiscal issues. Please also remember that College Day will take place on Tuesday, August 15th at the Las Positas College campus. While the specific schedule has not been finalized, the morning will begin with the State of the College, followed by breakout sessions and group meetings throughout the day. Attached is a draft schedule.

As everyone returns back to the campus for the new academic year, I'd like to inform the LPC family of some changes. Unfortunately, I have had to write too many letters this past year, explaining my health condition and its impact on the campus. To date, the impacts have been minimal...and my hope is that LPC will continue to prosper and grow in efficiency and effectiveness. At the beginning of the summer, my team of oncologists did a critical review of my cancer diagnosis and prognosis. It was determined that the brain cancer (which was detected at the beginning of last year's college calendar) had spread past my brain and into several other parts of my body. My team of doctors have immediately begun an aggressive protocol of [immunotherapy](#). Because of its intense nature and my need to focus on treatment, I will take the fall semester away from the campus. In my absence, Roanna Bennie will be serving as the Interim President. Of course, she will be supported by the Vice Presidents, Diane Brady and William Garcia, as well as the rest of the President's office team.

I wish everyone the best this school year. My hope is that the immunotherapy kicks in quickly and attacks those cancer cells...and that my dedication to rest and building strength allows me to return to work sooner rather than later.

See you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry A. Russell".

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