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Dear Common School Community,

I write today to share with you the news that the 2017-18 academic year will be Chris Lindeman's final year as Head of School.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to acknowledge and thank Chris for all of her efforts. The Common School has grown and evolved significantly under Chris' leadership over the past six years. She has guided our school through many transitions, placing it on a strong path forward. Chris has successfully transitioned the P2 and E1 classrooms to a co-head teacher model, expanded the role of the learning specialists, and supported increased professional development for faculty and staff. Chris has also worked to increase The Common School's diversity, challenging what it means to be a community committed to diversity and inclusivity. In addition to her tireless work improving education and diversity, Chris has been the leader on a critical campus renewal plan. During her tenure, a new building was designed, the school's first major capital campaign was launched, and over one million dollars was successfully raised for the building project. These are just a few of the many important advancements that have occurred under Chris's leadership.

Community change brings new opportunities. Chris and the Board of Trustees are committed to making the 2017-2018 school year, the school's 50th anniversary, a year of mission driven growth and improvement. We look forward to celebrating the first 50 years of The Common School, even as we plan for the next 50 years, providing an amazing place for children to learn and grow. Recruitment for a new Head of School is already underway. We are currently selecting a search firm, and soon will be announcing the members of the search committee. This committee will be made up of faculty, staff, current and former parents and guardians, as well as board members. Once potential candidates are identified, we will be actively reaching out to the entire Common School community for input.

I know that the entire Board joins me in expressing appreciation for all of Chris's hard work and effort. We are grateful for her years of dedication and service to The Common School and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

With gratitude,

Chrystal Wittcopp
Chair, The Common School Board of Trustees