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Dear Members of The Common School Community,

As you know, Chris Lindeman has determined that 2017-18 will be her final year of service as our Head of School. I am pleased to inform you that I have been asked to Chair the Head of School Search Committee, which will work to find our next permanent school leader.

The Search Committee is a special committee formed by the Board of Trustees whose members offer a diverse set of experiences, backgrounds, and points of view. It will include faculty members, parents, and senior administrators, as well as board members. The Search Committee will manage the process, meet candidates, and ultimately make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The members of the Search Committee will be announced soon.

The Board of Trustees has engaged the services of Resource Group 175 (RG 175) as its partner in the search. RG 175 is a leading independent school search firm. Robert P. Henderson, Jr. and Jerrold I. Katz will work with us to help steer the search process and to recruit candidates. Bob and Jerry are former, highly regarded independent school heads, each of whom has done extensive work with prospective and new school leaders. We have been impressed by their early insights, and we are confident that you will find them to be a good fit for the values and culture of our school community.

The process that we will employ will be inclusive, thorough, and professional. Bob and Jerry will be visiting the school on Monday, September 18 and Tuesday, September 19, and will spend time interviewing faculty, administration, parents, students, and board members. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend one of our open parent meetings. We'll have one meeting from 8:30-9:15 on Monday, September 18th and a second meeting that afternoon from 2:30-3:00.

Bob and Jerry's objective will be to get to know our school well, in order to best represent The Common School in a position statement that will be used to recruit prospective candidates. All faculty members and parents will also be able to share their perspectives about the uniqueness of our school and opportunities for its future through an online survey, which will be circulated soon.

As final candidates emerge later this year, the entire Common School community will have a chance to meet them in open sessions. All those who meet candidates will be able to share their impressions with the Search Committee. The Search Committee will consider all opinions fairly and openly, as it comes to a recommendation. The final decision and responsibility to appoint a next head of school rests solely with the Board of Trustees.

We will continue to update the community regularly as we move forward. We invite your feedback and questions throughout the search. You can reach us at: headsearch@commonschoo.org As an alumnus and current parent who has been committed to this institution throughout much of my life, I am honored to serve The Common School as a steward of this process.

Sincerely,

Geoff Hudson '79
father of Willa (E1)