



Dear Waverly Community,

Last night, Heidi informed the Board of Trustees that this will be her final school year as Waverly's Head of School.

In recent years Heidi and I have spoken about her plans for retirement and what that change would look like for our school. We all knew that Heidi would not be here forever, and we all know that all schools go through leadership change. I deeply respect the integrity Heidi showed when she made this hard choice. She knows that she cannot continue to care for her family, especially her mother, and give Waverly everything it needs to move forward.

We have asked so much of Heidi over these years, and now it is time to recognize her needs. The Board of Trustees honors Heidi's request to step down as Head of School after twenty-five years of service to give her mother, herself, and the rest of her family needed time and care.

Heidi is essentially The Waverly School's founder. Through her profound commitment to our students and teachers, she shaped Waverly's approach to teaching and learning. Heidi's legacy is countless lives touched and the transformation of a small, struggling school into an important institution boasting a vibrant, eclectic community. The high school and its campus, the elementary school, and the Farm are key physical elements of Waverly that have been built, purchased, and nurtured under Heidi's tenure. These grounds are the backdrop. The school's pride and joy, inspired and led by Heidi, are the discussion, debate, friendship, collaboration, laughter, music, art, and play that take place here.

Over the coming months, we will work together to find the right leader to sustain what Heidi helped build and to lead us into the future. We are a community in a position to help define the next chapter for our school, an exciting and important task.

We are fortunate to announce that we will have great help as we make this choice. The Board of Trustees has hired Bob Fricker and Jennifer Wong Christensen from Carney Sandoe to assist us with this important process. Bob and Jennifer have consulted on well over 100 Head of School searches, notably the recent searches at Flintridge Prep and Marin Country Day School.



Our search will be a thoughtful, thorough, and inclusive process that considers input from all stakeholders across our community. It is the Board's intention to engage parents, alumni, students, staff, and faculty throughout this process. Over the coming weeks you will hear more about the search process and have the opportunity to share your views about and hopes for our next Head of School.

Heidi's commitment built Waverly into a wonderful place for children to grow and learn as unique individuals. Heidi transformed our school into an example of what progressive education should look like. I hope you join me in taking a moment to express your gratitude to Heidi for giving so much of herself to make Waverly what it is today and will be tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Noah Mayer
Waverly Board Chair