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Dear Waverly community,

We are writing to update you on the work of the Head of School Search Committee.

As we continue our work with Jennifer Christenson of Carney Sandoe and Associates, the Search Committee has been engaged and busy reviewing the application materials of a strong and diverse candidate pool for the permanent Head of School position. We will be having initial conversations with semi-finalists later this month. By September we anticipate announcing finalists (see timeline [here](#)).

In September, after the new school year has started, we will begin the process of campus visits and meetings between the finalists and our community. Your voice and input during these visits continue to be vital components of the Search Committee's deliberative process. We will be sending evaluation forms and reminders at that time. Please know that all members of the Committee read your comments and responses. Your input is invaluable.

Additionally we want to update you on the Search Committee itself. As you may know Jeanny Tafoya has left Waverly to spend more time with her family. In addition, Jason Gottlieb has decided to step down from the Committee knowing that as school year preparations are underway, his time and attention are needed both to support John Huber, our Interim Head, and attend to the ongoing operations of the school during our continuing public health crisis. Jason continues to have full faith in the Committee's ability to identify the best candidate to lead Waverly forward.

The Committee spent many months working together during the Interim Head of School search process. In doing so, the Committee developed a collaborative working relationship that allowed all members to deliberate with trust, candor, and sincerity. Because it is critical to have continuity in the search process, the Board of Trustees has decided to keep the Committee composition as is by not introducing new members. It was our hope that stability in the Search Committee will allow our search for the next

permanent Head of School to continue during this “quiet phase” in a timely manner throughout the summer.

As always, if you have any questions or comments for the Search Committee, we invite you to reach out via email at [headofschoolsearch@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:headofschoolsearch@thewaverlyschool.org). Thank you all for your input and participation to date.

Warmly,

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