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Dear Pingry Community,

As you know from our prior communications, much progress has been made in our head search efforts since the start of the school year. Beginning in late summer, several live “listening” sessions have been offered, one of which included a call-in opportunity. Collectively, these sessions allowed current parents, faculty and staff, alumni, current and former trustees, and parents of alumni to share their input in real time. Additionally, an online survey was distributed to the community, as well as one specifically geared to Middle and Upper School students.

As a result of these opportunities—and the tremendously helpful feedback that we have received from a wide array of constituents in our community—we, in partnership with our search consultants at Spencer Stuart, have been able to develop and finalize a position specification for Pingry’s next Head of School, which is now posted at pingry.org/headsearch. Please know that specific candidate suggestions made during any of the feedback opportunities, or directly to us at head_transition@pingry.org, have been shared with Spencer Stuart for further investigation.

At this time, as we begin to consider candidates, we continue to welcome your comments, which will help to shape the questions we pose and inform our judgement of their relative strengths and weaknesses. To this end, the following Pingry faculty and administrators have been invited to participate in the interview process to provide the Search Committee with their perspective: Ananya Chatterji P ’25, Upper School Director, College Counselor, and Math Teacher; Tom Keating P ’27, ’29, English Teacher and Coach; and Dr. Sandy Lizaire-Duff P ’25, Assistant Director of the Lower School. Due to the confidential nature of the search process, and in order to be sensitive to the current employment of desirable candidates, neither the Search Committee nor the faculty/staff interviewers will be in a position to share information about the individuals being interviewed until the process reaches completion.

As we remarked in the listening sessions, thanks to the School’s position of strength, both operationally and programmatically, we are fortunate to be receiving the résumés of highly qualified, keenly interested individuals. As always, as the process of candidate interviews progresses, we look forward to keeping you apprised.

Sincerely,

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