

# 2008-2019

Throughout its 50 year history, the Capitol Hill Day School community of teachers and learners has built on the School's strengths and met its challenges, always through the lens of our Mission and Philosophy. Using that same lens, we look forward to the next 50 years with confidence and hope.

As part of its membership in the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), Capitol Hill Day School regularly embarks on an in-depth review of all aspects of the school: curriculum, facilities, policies and procedures, finances, leadership, communications and relationships with students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors, and more. A successful accreditation self-study depends on the school's willingness to "analyze, reflect upon, and accurately and honestly record its own strengths and weaknesses." Preparing

the self-study report is grueling; yet, it is very much aligned with the type of thinking Capitol Hill Day School encourages and seeks to develop in its members—children and adults alike. Faculty, staff, administrators, and Board members approached the self-study process with confidence and openness, and the various committee reports provided an authentic and useful assessment of the School.

Underlying many of the strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations in the 2012 Self-Study

Report is a strong sense that the School and the community around it have changed during the past 10 years—and continue to change—in fundamental ways. By nature, any school that describes itself as progressive, student-centered, and inquiry-based is more likely to experience changes from year to year. However, recent years have brought significant leadership and staffing changes at Capitol Hill Day School, including the retirement of a beloved, long-tenured Head of School, as well as a number of respected,



# Forward Momentum

## MUSICAL ARTISTS

Adele, Rihanna, Cee Lo Green, Bruno Mars, Kanye West, Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, Maroon 5, One Direction, Nicki Minaj, Pink, Frank Ocean, Usher, Pharrell Williams, Lorde, Drake, Ed Sheeran, Taylor Swift, Kendrick Lamar, Daft Punk, Sia, Childish Gambino, Cardi B, Ariana Grande

## TOYS & GAMES

PlayStation, Nintendo, Transformers, Elsa doll, Hatchimals, Fingerlings, Bey Blades, iPad, Wii U, Tekno Robotic Puppy

## WORLD

Instagram launched in 2010 · Social justice movements: Black Lives Matter, Me Too, Times Up, March for Our Lives, Never Again · Total DC population increases while African American population in DC shrinks from 60% in 2000 to 48% in 2019

### CAPITOL HILL DAY SCHOOL MILESTONES

#### 2010

Jason Gray named Head of School

Community Conversations are inaugurated: parent discussions 3-4/year on child development and parenting topics

#### 2012

Jason Gray begins Monthly Head of School Coffees: parent discussions on CHDS curriculum and organization

All EC classes are mixed PK and K, rather than one class each of PK, K, and mixed PKK.

#### 2015

Performing Arts Curriculum developed, combining Music and Drama

Spring Music Festival becomes Performing Arts Festival

#### 2018

CHDS upper grades expanded to include Grades 5-8, and reconfigured into two cohorts: Grades 5 & 6, and Grades 7 & 8.

#### 2019

Upper Grade students and teachers begin using the renovated Farren's Stable space for classes, community gatherings, and more.