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Dear Benchmark Community,

As we enter the initial phases of Benchmark's search for the next long-term Head of School, I want to thank those who participated in the on-campus listening sessions and the community survey with Carney Sandoe & Associates, the search firm that is guiding us in this important endeavor. Your feedback provided the firm with a deep understanding of our school. Most importantly, it is helping to ensure that we find a leader with the values and attributes that matter most to our community and to the future of Benchmark.

The next step in this process is identifying the candidates who embody those values and attributes. During the summer, the Head of School Search Committee, which I am chairing, will review candidates brought forth by Carney Sandoe & Associates and select a group of semi-finalists to interview. Benchmark will adhere to industry best practices in keeping this portion of the process confidential, as it is important that we respect the privacy of the candidates.

That said, we believe strongly in an informed and inclusive search process. In the fall, we will select a small group of Head of School finalists for two-day visits to Benchmark. The Benchmark community will be invited to participate in this final stage of the process. In the anticipated event that the Search Committee finds the right candidate for Benchmark, we will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for the appointment of the next Head of School, whose tenure will begin on July 1, 2020.

Thank you for your support and involvement as we look toward the next chapter of Benchmark. There are still many milestones and memories to celebrate as we approach the close of the academic year, including a farewell celebration to Robb Gaskins on June 6th. I look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,

Benjamin Rogers '95
Chair, Board of Trustees
Chair, Head of School Search Committee