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Dear Members of the Nueva Community --

As we launch the search for Nueva's next head of school, we want to first recognize and celebrate the visionary leadership of Diane Rosenberg. Diane's prescient understanding of the programmatic needs in 21st century education, her passion for providing gifted learners with the challenges and support they need to thrive, and her deep commitment to sharing that knowledge within and beyond Nueva's walls have made Nueva a global leader in innovative education. We will cherish this last year with Diane at the helm.

Transitions provide an opportunity for affirming our ideals and shaping our future. As we search for our next head, we will reflect on how to evolve as we keep *Learning by doing, learning by caring* at our core.

After vetting the top education-focused search firms, the Board of Trustees hired <u>RG175</u> to assist Nueva with this important leadership transition. Our search consultants, Coreen Hester and Mark Ulfers, will be on both campuses September 9, 10, and 11, and will be facilitating conversations with all constituencies about Nueva's strengths and challenges and the qualities we need in our next head to continue to nourish excellence and innovation in gifted education. The schedule for these sessions will be sent out shortly; please come. Your participation will be invaluable for determining the critical skills, experience, and mindset needed in our next head of school. Concurrent with the visit, Coreen and Mark will distribute an online survey to the community. Your participation in the survey will also provide important information that will inform the search. We are eager to hear from you—both in person and online—about your priorities for our next head of school.

We are excited to introduce the other trustees on the search committee: Bruce Cozadd, Derrick Bolton, Gerald Risk, Hoon Cho, Mary Hynes, and Puja Kaul. Please reach out to any of us with questions or concerns. Once school is back in session, we will add a non-voting faculty member to the committee.

Nueva is flourishing. The strength and talent of our world-class faculty provide students the opportunity to learn and grow within deeply meaningful relationships. The leadership team deftly mobilizes the faculty to provide active learning experiences that meet the range of needs of our gifted learners. Thanks to the generosity of our community, beautiful new spaces on both campuses will soon expand programmatic and athletic offerings. Environmental citizenship will be woven across the curriculum, and our new humanities center will catalyze student understanding of stories past and present.

Although we are early in the search process, we've heard from our consultants that there is already strong interest in this position. Our community is always an invaluable source of ideas; if you have a candidate to recommend, please reach out to Coreen (<a href="mailto:chester@rg175.com">chester@rg175.com</a>) or Mark (<a href="mailto:mark.ulfers@rg175.com">mark.ulfers@rg175.com</a>).





In the year ahead, we will celebrate the transformation that Diane has spearheaded over nearly two decades and, at the same time, welcome Nueva's next leader to our community. Thank you in advance for your help and support with this important transition.

We look forward to hearing from you and providing updates as the search progresses.

Sincerely, Susan and Kathleen

Susan Barnes and Kathleen Donohue Co-Chairs, Head of School Search Committee

