

May 28, 2019

Dear Nueva Community,

Our visionary head of school Diane Rosenberg has announced her intention to retire from The Nueva School on June 30, 2020, at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 academic year. At that time, Diane will have served for 19 years, making her the longest-standing head in Nueva's history. Diane is the only head that our present students, and most of our current parents, have ever known.

On behalf of the board of trustees, I can only begin to express the gratitude we all have for Diane for what she has done for Nueva since she and her husband Bob arrived in 2001. Simply put, Diane has transformed Nueva. A PreK-8 school of just over 300 students at the time she joined us is now a PreK-12 school of more than 900 students. She envisioned and executed multiple strategic plans that perhaps most notably paved the way for an innovative and exciting Upper School on a new Bay Meadows campus and revitalized our Hillsborough campus. In fall 2013, Nueva welcomed its first class of ninth-grade students to classrooms at the College of San Mateo while it expanded into a high school designed to prepare students for life in the 21st century. The new high school campus opened in August 2014 and is now home to students grades 9–12.

Over the last nearly two decades, Diane has led with purpose, optimism, resilience, and with an unwavering commitment to Nueva's vision and values. Nueva today is a model for gifted learning, innovative teaching and institutional vibrancy, recognized nationally and internationally for its leadership and excellence. Thanks to her stewardship, Diane will leave behind a vibrant and entrepreneurial community of students, teachers, administrators and parents well-positioned for future success. Our Realize the Potential capital campaign, already the largest in school history, is fueling the execution of our current strategic plan that continues to invest in our people, our programs and our campuses while expanding our endowment. I can't wait to see Nueva's progress in the years to come.

The process of our search for a new head will commence immediately. We expect the Nueva Head of School to be a very attractive opportunity to national and international candidates. The search effort is being led and managed by a committee co-chaired by Trustees Kathleen Donohue (Vice-Chair of the Board) and Susan Barnes (past Chair of the Board). Kathleen and Susan will update you in the near future on the overall composition of the committee, the timeline, and the appointment of a search firm we will retain to support our work. The search committee will engage with all constituencies of the Nueva community and our work will be informed by input we seek from all of you. And, within the confines of what will need to be a highly confidential process, we are committed to providing appropriate communication and, whenever possible, transparency.

For now, expect Diane to continue her effective guidance and direction, supported by her outstanding leadership team. We are so thankful for her contributions and look forward to celebrating her impact in the year to come.

Sincerely,



Bruce Cozadd  
Chair, Nueva Board of Trustees

