



## Peter J. Caldwell Retirement

- Headmaster Peter J. Caldwell will be retiring in June of 2021 after leading MBS through 10 transformative years.
  - He and his wife Darcy, of the English Department, will be retiring to Providence, RI to be closer to their family.
  - Peter will continue to run the School actively, as he had, over the next 18 months.
- As Headmaster, Peter has transformed Morristown-Beard and led significant curricular and programmatic initiatives. The historic 5-year comprehensive campaign “Transforming Our Future - \$20 Million By 2020” has resulted in the completion of extensive capital projects, including a 25,000 square foot Math & Science Center and an 8,000 square foot Center for Innovation & Design, and significant growth in the MB Fund, scholarship, and endowment. Important initiatives include:
  - Peter’s “Bench Talks” - monthly messages of life lessons he uses to lead by example.
  - The development of three centers, The Center for Teaching & Learning, The Center for Academic Writing, and The Center for Innovation & Design, all of which are learning hubs that focus on cross collaboration across all disciplines among teachers and students.
  - An emphasis on balance that reverberated across the curriculum and impacted all curricular decisions.
- The Board of Trustees has formed a search committee led by trustee, parent, and alumnus Paul Hawkins ’85.
  - The Committee will conduct a nationwide search for the next leader of Morristown-Beard.
  - The Committee is comprised of a majority of Trustees as well as Faculty and Administration members - members names will be communicated in the next several weeks.
  - The search process for the new Head of School will be inclusive of the Morristown-Beard community’s views and operate with transparency. To ensure such it will be supported by a Communications sub-committee and a Community Engagement sub-committee. These will be formed to include a broad group of community members over the next month and will solicit input from the community.
  - The first steps in this process are underway with a search firm selection process.
- In keeping with our history of direct, honest, and straightforward communication, we will keep the community informed about the status of the search as it progresses and will have a page on our website dedicated to the new Head of School search.
- We anticipate a well-planned and seamless transition when a new Head of School is hired. Peter Caldwell has given 18 months’ notice and we have an excellent senior administration team in place who are committed to supporting the new head. John Fay will continue to serve as Board President through the transition and the end of the 2022 School Year.
- Should there be any further questions, you may contact Betsy Patterson, Director of Advancement, at 973-539-3032 x524 or [bpatterson@mbs.net](mailto:bpatterson@mbs.net) and she will pass these along to the Committee.