

Subject: Headmaster Search by the Numbers

Dear Community:

Since my last update, the Headmaster Search firm, Wickenden & Associates, and the Search Committee have made significant progress in identifying the next Headmaster of Saint Thomas Academy. We received interest from an overwhelming number of very talented, local and national candidates – leaders from notable Catholic high schools across the country to highly talented business executives who were interested in giving back in a new way. This level of interest and the caliber of the candidates are a true testimony to Saint Thomas Academy's reputation in the Twin Cities and nationally.

For your perspective, the numbers reveal how extensive and extremely competitive the search has been:

- Candidates contacted by Search Firm: 200+
- Candidates interviewed by Search Firm: 40+
- Semi-finalist candidates reviewed by Search Committee: 14
  - Semi-finalists States represented: 6
  - Semi-finalists with a tie to the Academy: 6

I am happy to report we are now moving into the finalist stage. We have thoroughly vetted the semi-finalists and narrowed the field of candidates, each of whom would make an exemplary leader for our community. We expect to secure a new head of school in the next 30 days. Based on the outstanding finalist pool, the entire Search Committee is more confident than ever in the future of Saint Thomas Academy.

Sincerely

Sharon D'Agostino  
Trustee & Chair of the Headmaster Search Committee