



Letter from the Head of School

Dear Hill Community:

I was awestruck the first time I stepped onto Hill's campus. Very much like most prospective students arriving at Meigs House for their initial visit, I felt an immediate, visceral connection to Hill. I was drawn in by the School's history, mission, and physical beauty. In subsequent visits, however, I discovered the real magic of The Hill: *its people*. Hill's students, employees, alumni, parents, and neighbors warmly welcomed me, exemplifying the tight-knit community and substantiating Hill's "Family Boarding School" moniker. Thus, from the moment I received the call to serve as Hill's 11th head of school from Search Committee Chair Marshall Wallach '61, there was no question for me. I was all in!

Over the last decade, it has been my honor and privilege to lead The Hill through a transformational period as we adopted a vision of simultaneously being recognized as both the most traditional and the most innovative boarding school in the country. While collectively elevating Hill's longstanding values, tenets, and traditions, we also have propelled many other aspects of the School to new heights. Together with my faculty colleagues, we have modernized the School's curriculum and pedagogy, expanded and strengthened our co-curricular activities, and established premier residential life, student leadership, and wellness programs. With the support of countless donors around the world, we have restored our iconic buildings, built state-of-the-art facilities, and beautified nearly every corner of the campus. At the same time, our Board of Trustees and I prioritized a comprehensive investment in compensation, professional development, and campus housing to retain and attract the most talented teachers, staff, and administrators.

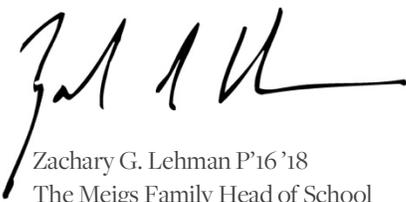
As a result of these developments and our collective hard work, applications and enrollment have surged, as have the caliber and diversity of our student body. Hill alumni and parents embraced our ambitious vision for Hill's future and stepped forward with their generous philanthropic support. And, when many other schools contracted in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hill community rose to the occasion to ensure a safe, robust, in-person student experience. Today, our School is thriving, and I am immensely proud of what we have built together.

Hill is now well-poised for a change in leadership and, at the same time, I am eager for an exciting new challenge that brings my family closer to our home and roots in New England. With this in mind, I have accepted an invitation to become the next head of school at The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut beginning in July 2023. As such, after 11 wonderful years, the upcoming school year will conclude my time at Hill.

I forever am indebted to The Hill's Board of Trustees for their faith and confidence in me throughout my tenure. I have been fortunate to partner with three exceptional Board Chairs – Tom Millhiser '67, Preston Athey '67, and Jim Alexandre '75 – who thoughtfully and patiently mentored and advised me over the last decade. I also have been blessed to work alongside the top senior leadership team in independent schools, and I know Hill will continue to flourish in their very capable hands. Where others might have balked at the many challenges we faced, especially over the last three years, this brilliant, enthusiastic, and devoted group of Trustees and colleagues remained undaunted and led the charge to return Hill to its rightful place among the top tier of boarding schools in the world.

I am very excited about the year ahead at Hill. I will appreciate every day and enjoy everything that makes Hill such a special place and community. I am exceedingly grateful for the opportunity to be a member of The Hill School Family, and I always will cherish this experience. Although my school colors may change after next year, I know my Hill Ties will never sever!

Warmest regards,



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The Meigs Family Head of School