

September 5, 2022

Dear Wardlaw+Hartridge Community,

As we return to school, we are delighted to provide this update on the Head of School search. It has been a very busy summer for the search committee! Our Head of School posting received a strong response with interest from a large number of highly qualified candidates. From this diverse field of candidates, the Search Committee, in conjunction with our consultants from Educators' Collaborative, narrowed the candidate pool to 12 semi-finalists. Each of these semi-finalists was interviewed by the Search Committee and all possessed outstanding personal and professional qualities. After careful consideration, four candidates have been named finalists. Selection of the final candidates was done carefully in alignment with W+H's mission and with an eye toward the future. We are confident you will be impressed with all four finalists.

Final Candidates on Campus

We will be welcoming the finalists to campus beginning on September 11 for two-day visits. The candidates are scheduled for September 11-12, September 13-14, September 15-16, and September 20-21. While the candidates are here, they will meet in person or virtually with groups of faculty and staff, students, alumni, senior administrators, parents, the Search Committee, and the Board of Trustees.

There will be an open in-person parent meeting for each candidate, scheduled from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. on September 12, 14, 16 and 21. There will also be an open in-person meeting with faculty and staff, scheduled from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. on September 12, 14, 16 and 21. The open in-person meetings will take place in the Berry Performing Arts Center.

One or two days prior to each candidate visit, we will forward to the community a brief bio of each candidate, the schedule for their visit, and a link to provide feedback for those who meet with the candidates. Parents, faculty and staff, please plan to join us for as many of these in-person sessions as your schedule allows and help us show the candidates W+H's vibrant spirit and strong community. After all, as we are evaluating them, they are also evaluating us!

The Search Committee will review and consider all feedback from the community as part of the committee's selection process for the new Head of School. The candidate best suited to lead our school forward will be recommended by the



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Search committee to the Board of Trustees for approval.

This is a very exciting and important time in our school's history. We thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to this process and, most importantly, for being a valued member of our special community.

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