



December 2022

Dear W+H Community,

On behalf of the W+H Board of Trustees, I share warm wishes to all of you for a healthy and happy upcoming holiday season! We hope that you have much quality time to share with your family and friends, before recharging for the new year.

The end of a year is a special time to reflect on our work and learnings, as we also look forward to a new year with continued hope and ambition. To that end, I share with you the duties and accomplishments of the Board of Trustees. The Board is responsible for fiduciary and strategic oversight of the school, including hiring and evaluating the Head of School. We conduct our responsibilities through full Board and committee meetings throughout the year. This year, after a highly competitive and robust process led by the Search Committee, the Board appointed our own highly accomplished and respected Dr. Corinna Crafton as the next Head of School. The Board also accepted a sabbatical leave request from our current Head of School, Mr. Andy Webster. We are grateful to Mr. Webster for his long and productive service to the school and thankful that Dr. Crafton accepted our offer to step in early as Acting Head of School until she formally assumes the Head of School position in July of 2023. During his sabbatical leave, Mr. Webster will continue to provide transition support to Dr. Crafton.

Every three years, the Board, in collaboration with the Head of School, updates our strategic priorities. This year, the Strategic Committee of the Board led a thorough data-driven process to develop a framework of priorities aimed at further strengthening the school's value proposition and financial viability. The Board, along with Dr. Crafton, looks forward to sharing details of our strategic priorities with the community next year. Facilitated through other committees of the Board, including executive, finance, facilities, investment, audit, marketing, and development, we continue to provide strategic oversight for budgetary, construction, fund-raising and enrollment efforts at the school. In addition, our Committee on Trustees continues to develop a pipeline of new Board members and streamline governance practices for the Board.



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I take this opportunity to thank members of our community, including faculty and staff, parents, alumni, and board members for their tireless efforts in developing our students to be pioneering thinkers and strong global citizens. As we turn the page on 2022, I hope that we find some time to reflect on the role each of us plays in enhancing and building this school we so love. I also hope that we celebrate our successes and learn from our challenges, as the strength and sustainability of our school depends on our strong bonds and collaborative spirit. I look forward to 2023 with optimism and confidence that our community will continue to support our mission to prepare our students to lead and succeed in a world of global interconnection.

Sincerely,

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The Wardlaw+Hartridge School