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Dear Fellowship Family,

Last night, we marked the passing of another year with our annual State of the School address. God has been faithful in leading us to successfully accomplish many of the strategic initiatives we prayerfully planned five years ago. At the same time, we look forward to embracing what He has prepared for the future of Fellowship.

A significant part of last night's address was Dr. Teston's announcement that, following a 17-month transition period, she will retire from her role as Head of School effective June 30, 2024. This decision comes after a significant period of prayerful conversations between her and the Board, and our mutual desire is to plan well for the eventual succession of leadership. Together, we have sought godly counsel from senior leaders within the church and Christian school community to determine the proper cadence of our next steps.

Few schools are fortunate to enjoy long tenures of leadership at the Head of School level. We are incredibly blessed to have such an exceptional, humble leader who has led with a steady hand over the last ten years. Dr. Teston has always remained prayerful, earnestly seeking the best for our school in every situation. During her time as Head of School, we have seen God's provision of growth, vibrancy, and success that has placed Fellowship among the nation's leading Christian schools. Moreover, her guidance and leadership have been exemplary over the last several years as she shepherded our community through a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, political unrest, social discord, and much more.

On behalf of the Board, words cannot express how immensely grateful we are that Dr. Teston has been our Head of School. She has been a joy to serve with as we worked together on the challenges and opportunities our school has navigated. It is a rare leader who exhibits the courage to embrace challenges while humbly considering God's call on her life and His will for our school.

As we move forward over the next 17 months, a Board-directed search committee has been formed to work alongside Carter Baldwin as we seek to prayerfully identify our next Head of School. In the meantime, we still have much work to do under Dr. Teston's leadership. We will complete the final year of our current strategic plan, develop and finalize our next one, and complete our re-accreditation.

For more information, you can view the [FAQ](#) that Dr. Teston distributed last night. However, should you have additional questions, I invite you to join me, Don Rountree (Former Board Member, Search Committee Chair), and Dr. Teston for a [Virtual Town Hall meeting](#) this Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 8:30 am.

The Board of Directors appreciates your prayers during this pivotal time. We will continue to be transparent, provide regular updates and keep you fully informed of all that is happening. Together, we look forward to seeking God's leading, knowing He will be faithful.

In Him,

Brynn Stensrud
Chairman, Board of Directors