



April 20, 2023

Dear GSA Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce that Shelley Borrer Jackson has been hired to serve as the school's Interim Head of School.

Shelley is "enthusiastic to return to GSA and to a peninsula that is home in so many ways." She began her administrative career as the director of development and communication for GSA in the late eighties. From there, she served as the principal of the Brooklin School until 1999 when she became the head of the Bement School, a junior boarding school in Deerfield, MA. Sixteen years later, she was asked to be the founding head of a bilingual, multi-cultural day school in Manhattan. She holds a B.A. in English from Wheaton College (MA), an M.A. in English from The Ohio State University, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in literacy from the University of Maine at Orono. She was also awarded a Klingenstein Fellowship to study the value of homework at Columbia University, and she has published widely in the literacy field. As Interim Head of School, Shelley and her husband Rob, who started GSA's sailing team, will be returning to their home in Brooksville from Winchester, New Hampshire.

Jackson is currently an educational consultant who works with families around the globe. She is the mother of four, three who attended GSA and two who are graduates. Jackson hopes she "can be a dependable, knowledgeable, steady leader in this time of transition for GSA. My respect and affection for the school are deep, and I'll work tirelessly to support everyone involved in the school."

Shelley will begin her work remotely as of April 24, transitioning to a full-time presence on-campus over the next two months.

I thank the Search Committee members for their hard work in reaching their recommendation. We were fortunate to review a pool of 26 talented applicants, seven of whom were selected for interviews for this important position.

Please join me in welcoming Shelley to our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Mills

Chair GSA Board of Trustees