



Dear Linden Hall Community,

I am writing this message on behalf of the Linden Hall School for Girls Board of Trustees. On March 7, 2024, the Board accepted Dr. Nan Wodarz's letter announcing her retirement at the end of the 2024–2025 academic year.

Hired in 2020 as the interim Head of School, Dr. Wodarz's superior leadership and extensive experience in strategic positioning quickly led the Board to a history-making moment by naming her as the first female Head of School at Linden Hall. Her depth of experience, strong sense of vision and purpose, sharp intellect, financial acumen, and steadfast integrity have enabled Linden Hall to thrive during these rapidly changing and challenging times.

Accomplishments under Dr. Wodarz's tenure include:

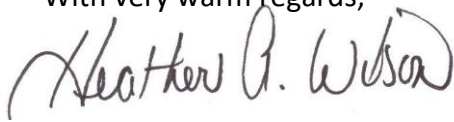
- Maintaining a robust academic learning environment for our domestic and international students through a global pandemic
- Working in tandem with the Board of Trustees to strategically position the school to be competitive in a global marketplace using contemporary marketing strategies that leverage the assets of an all-girls educational environment
- Acting as a strong mentor and leader for students, faculty, and staff
- Deftly managing the school's human and financial resources, creating a 10-year plan that includes comprehensive facilities planning
- Reconnecting Linden Hall's alumnae through open dialogue and transparency that celebrates belonging and inspires alums to invest in the future of their alma mater
- Institutionalizing a culture of continuous improvement, as well as empowering faculty and staff to make systemic changes that improve the student experience
- Advancing the school's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging through the implementation of student programs, adult professional development, and hiring practices
- Maintaining and improving Linden Hall's historic campus while also fostering increased community engagement with the school

In March, we celebrate Women's History Month, a time when we reflect on the evolutionary changes we have witnessed since 1746. We know that our girls will not merely be consumers of information; they will be important creators and contributors to a world knowledge base that will shape and mold opportunities for generations of women to come. As such, Linden Hall School for Girls is well-positioned to draw a deep and talented pool of candidates from which to select our next Head of School. The decision and responsibility to appoint the next Head of School are among the most important duties the Board of Trustees holds, and our Board is committed to creating a transparent process where we can include all stakeholder groups in

the decision-making process. In the coming weeks, we will share information with constituents regarding the Head of School search.

Dr. Wodarz has guided Linden Hall with an unyielding passion for the education of young women. It is with a grateful spirit that we celebrate the fact Linden Hall finds itself on solid footing as we prepare girls to compete confidently in a global world with not just a seat at the table, but a voice at that table — a voice that will shape our collective future. We offer our sincere gratitude to Dr. Wodarz for helping us navigate this transitional period in Linden Hall's history, and we are excited to identify our next Head of School, who will not only celebrate our distinguished past but lead us into a very promising future.

With very warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Heather A. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'H'.

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Chair, Board of Trustees
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