

Dear Pike Community,

I am honored and excited to introduce myself as the next Head of School for The Pike School, and I am deeply grateful to the search committee and the board of trustees for putting their trust in me. From the moment that I arrived for my visit, I felt the welcoming, joyful spirit of The Pike School, and I am truly inspired by the community's warmth and commitment to students.

Pike's Mission of fostering a love of learning, nurturing each child's potential, and creating a diverse and inclusive community deeply resonates with my own values as both an educator and a leader. I believe in the transformative power of education, and I'm excited to work alongside each of you to carry forward Pike's legacy of inspiring curiosity, purposeful learning, and leadership in every student.

In my conversations with members of the Pike community, I have been struck by the profound sense of purpose and connection that exists here. It is clear that Pike's values—Intellectual Ambition, Authenticity, Social Good, and the belief that each child's voice matters—are truly lived. These values are foundational to the education provided at Pike and central to preparing students to be thoughtful, engaged citizens of the world.

As I step into this role, I am eager to learn more from each of you—students, families, faculty, and staff—and to work together to ensure that Pike continues to be a place where every child and adult feels seen, supported, and challenged to reach their fullest potential.

Thank you for welcoming me into this incredible community. I look forward to getting to know you and building upon the extraordinary foundation that makes The Pike School such a special place.

With excitement and gratitude,

Honor Taft