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Holton-Arms School *Board of Trustees*

Announcements from the Board of Trustees at Holton-Arms School

Dear Holton-Arms Community,

As we embark on the new year, we are delighted to share updates that underscore The Board of Trustees' commitment to growing and enhancing excellence at Holton-Arms by planning for an exciting future together.

January Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees recently held a quarterly meeting where we discussed initiatives for the school's future. In conjunction with this meeting, we also hosted our Trustee Visit Day where Trustees had the opportunity to shadow students and engage with the faculty and staff. This day is an invaluable tradition, providing Trustees with firsthand insights into the Holton experience and deepening their connection to our mission in action.

Future Planning

The Board is fully supportive of the Administrative team as we work collaboratively with Montgomery County to sustain and enhance our campus for generations to come. Holton has filed the application to the Montgomery County Board of Appeals as the first step in amending Special Exception. We appreciate your support as we plan for the future.

Strategic Planning for Holton-Arms

We are excited to announce the upcoming launch of a comprehensive Strategic Planning Process in January 2025. This process, a vital fiduciary responsibility of the Board, will ensure our campus and program offerings remain mission-driven

and positioned for a vibrant, thriving future of Holton-Arms.

Our Strategic Planning process will be inclusive, welcoming input from all members of our community. To begin, we will conduct focus groups with parents, faculty and staff, alumnae, and students to gather valuable insights. In March, all parents will receive a survey, ensuring an opportunity to share their perspectives and provide important input for our future plans.

We deeply value your thoughts. This approach ensures together, we will chart a course that strengthens Holton-Arms for both current students and future generations.

Tuition 2025-2026

As a Board, we are responsible for both the financial stability and the financial future of the institution. This includes engaging in strategic financial planning, assuming primary responsibility for the preservation of capital assets and endowments, overseeing operating budgets, and participating actively in fundraising.

We deeply appreciate the strong interest in admissions, which reaffirms our commitment to excellence in educating girls with time-tested and future-focused programming. We are delighted to have you and your family as a part of Holton's vibrant community and its network of purposeful alumnae and families. Re-enrollment contracts for the 2025-26 school year will be forthcoming from the School.

The tuition for the upcoming school year will be set at \$57,875, reflecting our commitment to providing exceptional academic and co-curricular opportunities for our students. This increase supports critical investments in our school community, including attracting and retaining exceptional faculty through competitive salaries and benefits, addressing increasing healthcare costs, enhancing campus security, and maintaining our facilities. Furthermore, it allows us to expand athletic opportunities to include 6th-grade participation and improve transportation services to better meet the needs of our families. As has always been the case, tuition does not cover the full cost of a Holton-Arms education; instead, it accounts for only a percentage of the operational costs and

is supplemented by philanthropic gifts.

Our faculty and staff are at the heart of the excellence that defines our program. By understanding each student, celebrating their strengths, and fostering their unique potential, they deliver an education that nurtures the mind, soul, and spirit. To attract and retain such dedicated professionals—particularly in today’s highly competitive job market—the Board has made strategic budget decisions to ensure Holton remains a leader in education.

We look forward to welcoming your family back as we continue to guide our students on their journey of growth and discovery.

Commitment to Excellence

As we look to the future, we remain inspired by our mission and the extraordinary achievements of our graduates, who embody what it means to lead with purpose. Your partnership and support are invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for the role each of you plays in creating an environment where Holton’s students explore and grow, belong and discover, and surpass expectations.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Holton-Arms. Together, we are fostering growth and advancing excellence, ensuring that Holton remains a place where students are prepared to thrive in the world and remain connected for life.

Wishing you a wonderful start to the new year.

Warm regards,

Jessie Holladay Sterchi ’99,
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Mark Ordan P’25,
President of the Corporation