



Walnut Hill School for the Arts Head of School Transition: Questions & Answers

The following Q&A provides additional information about the Head of School transition and search process.

What does this announcement mean for the school right now?

Eric has provided a full year of notice to support a thoughtful, well-orchestrated transition. This timeline allows the Board of Trustees to conduct a thoughtful and thorough search process while ensuring continuity for the school community. He will continue to lead the school actively throughout the coming year and is committed to making it a strong and successful year for the community.

How should the community think about this transition?

Leadership transitions are a natural part of the life of schools and institutions. This transition is being approached thoughtfully and with care, with a shared commitment to continuity, community, and the future of Walnut Hill.

Will the school's direction or priorities change?

The school's strategic priorities and core values – community, creativity, excellence, growth, and respect – are unchanged. The collective focus of the Board and school leadership remains where it belongs: on our students, faculty, programs, enrollment, and financial stewardship.

How will this affect students' experience next year?

Walnut Hill remains fully focused on delivering an outstanding student experience across academics, arts training, residential life, and community life. Students will continue to benefit from the same strong academic and artistic programs, faculty support, and community life that define Walnut Hill.

What happens next?

The Board is launching a thoughtful search process to identify Walnut Hill's next Head of School. The search process begins now with the retention of a search firm, the selection of a search committee, and inclusive community-wide input.

Who is leading the search?

The Board is appointing a search committee that will include people with deep knowledge and connection to Walnut Hill and who will bring a cross-section of voices to the work. To support this critical process, we have retained Educators' Collaborative to lead the search. The firm brings deep experience as educators, Heads of School, and trusted advisors on leadership transitions across independent schools, both nationally and internationally.

How will the community be involved?

There will be opportunities for faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and others to share their perspectives. A community-wide survey distributed and a two-day campus visit scheduled for mid-May will enable the search consultants to gather input that will shape the ideal portrait of our next Head of School.