



Dear FA Families,

Good afternoon. Last spring I shared the announcement to the school community that I would be stepping aside in my role as Head of School this spring. As it turns out, it would be very helpful to my family and me if I could move that departure date up a bit into this fall, and the Board has agreed to allow that to happen. My last day as Head of School will be this Wednesday, September 30. Expect a follow-up email soon from Jeff Shiver, Board Chair, articulating the pathway forward for this upcoming school leadership transition.

The two remarks that I offered accompanying my retirement announcement this past spring bear repeating again in this note. First, thank you to all those friends, families, and colleagues who first welcomed my family and me into your community and have treated us so kindly during my tenure here at school. Very little that has happened over the last seven years could have occurred were it not for the generous support, tireless work, and positive enthusiasm displayed by both the loyal employees and the devoted families of our school. The school's newly appointed Head Jeff Plunk and his family are so fortunate to be entering this community next summer and having the opportunity to enjoy a special relationship with all of you.

Second, Suzan and I will be remaining here on St. Simons Island for the foreseeable future and very much look forward to maintaining our relationships with all of our school-related friends. This is not a good-bye note; expect to see us around the island. I also look forward to returning to campus for special events.

One of the great privileges of working at a school is witnessing and being a small part of the development of young people over time. The graduating class this spring was in the fifth grade my first year here at Frederica and have proven a great source of pride both for me and for the school.

Go Knights!

With immense gratitude,
Scott L. Hutchinson