



FLINTRIDGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Peter H. Bachmann, Headmaster since 1991

January 17, 2019

Dear Flintridge Prep Families and Friends,

It is a bittersweet moment as I write to inform you that Peter Bachmann will retire on June 30, 2020. On that day, he will have completed 40 years of service to Flintridge Prep, 29 years as Headmaster.

As the current Chair of the Board of Trustees, I am mindful that our most important duty is to ensure that Prep has strong, capable and caring leadership. Over the past several years, Peter and the Board have worked together to plan, and now implement, a transition to a new Head of School. Although we've known about this for some time, I would be remiss not to acknowledge that Peter's retirement comes with sadness and a little anxiety for the entire Prep community. Peter will not be an easy act to follow.

We are so grateful to Peter for his leadership over the past decades, but in particular, in the way he leads, with compassion and inclusion, both strategic and mission-focused, always with humility and kindness. Peter has helped to make all of us better listeners, better students, better educators and a better Prep community. The evidence of Peter's leadership is found literally everywhere and every day at Prep, from an alumni basketball game, to a 7th grade parents' coffee, to a year-end cross country celebration, to a classroom lecture on Great Books, to an advisory meeting with rising seniors. Peter's commitment to Prep is both absolute and everlasting.

Last year, the Board of Trustees formed a search committee and selected Kris Leslie, current Vice Chair of the Board, to lead the committee. Kris is serving as a trustee for the second time, was Chair of the Board from 2012-2014, co-chaired our recently completed capital campaign and is a past parent to Ryan '11, Michael '13 and Robbie '16. We couldn't be in better hands. The committee interviewed several search consulting firms and ultimately selected Carney Sandoe & Associates (CSA) from Boston. CSA is already well familiar with Prep, as they have searched for and placed a number of teachers over the years. The lead consultants for CSA are Robert (Bob) Fricker and Jennifer Christensen. In the coming days, Kris Leslie will provide more details on the search, including a timeline, as well as opportunities for the search consultants to meet with and listen to the entire Prep community.

Peter will remain in his role as Headmaster through the 2019-2020 school year. After June 2020, the Board of Trustees expects Peter to remain in a Head Emeritus role, where he will stay connected with thousands of alumni, parents, faculty and staff.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we look forward to continuing to work with Peter over the next 18 months, as we make a smooth transition to our next Head of School—and we also look forward to celebrating Peter's many accomplishments and thanking him and his wife, Molly, for their exceptional service to Flintridge Prep.

Sincerely,

David Codiga
Chair, Board of Trustees