



Peninsula School

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Dear Peninsula Community,

Many thanks to all of you who have supported our Head of School search process thus far. Your participation in the listening sessions last month and the online survey provided invaluable feedback for our consultants. Your input, in addition to conversations with school leaders and Board members, has guided our development of the [Information for Candidates document](#). This comprehensive document provides potential candidates with an overview of our school, an outline of the opportunities and challenges before us, and a profile of the skills and attributes we will look for in our next Head of School.

We appreciate all who expressed interest in serving on the Search and Advisory Committees. As we shared, the primary responsibility of the Search Committee is to identify the qualities most desired and needed for the head of school and then to screen, review and evaluate candidates in light of these traits as well as the challenges and opportunities we have identified our next leader will address. Ultimately, the Search Committee recommends a head-elect to the Board of Directors, who holds responsibility for hiring and managing the Head.

Members of the Search Committee include:

Davion Fleming *Board member, Search Committee Co-chair*

Alethea Van Hiller *Board member, Search Committee Co-chair, Current Parent*

Betty Achinstein *Peninsula Lower School Teacher, Parent of Alum*

Jesse Gillespie *Peninsula Upper School Teacher, Current Parent*

Jason Pressman *Board member, Current Parent*

Nina Greenblatt *Board member-elect, Current Parent*

Maya Perkins *Board member-elect, Current Parent, Alumna*

Kirstin Woo *Current Parent, Families of Color Affinity Group Co-chair*

Elisa Neipp *Current Parent, former Board Chair*

We have also formed an Advisory Committee representing a range of stakeholders including parents, faculty, staff, and alumni families. This group will provide additional perspective and input during finalist visits in the fall, as we make every effort to ensure an inclusive and broad-based approach. Members of the Advisory Committee include: **Deniz Baloglu, Liz Beans, Maria Evarts, Inge Hansen, Joh Lansdown, Beth Lee, Ana Mallari, Colleen McPeek, Kenny Meehan, Joanna Oshman, Liz Pang, Rooz Pirzadeh, Jahvita Rastafari, Milly Siegel, and Jeff Zotz.**

We're pleased to share that you can find information about the search and communication updates on our [Head of School Search page](#). There you will see an [FAQ](#) that provides



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information about the search process and timeline. In the coming weeks, Tracy, Joan, and their Educators Collaborative colleagues will focus on generating a robust pool of candidates for our review. The Search Committee aims to review applications in August and bring finalists to campus in early fall.

We look forward to keeping you apprised and welcome your questions as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Alethea Van Hiller and Davion Fleming, Search Co-chairs

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