

Dear Members of the St. Matthew's Family,

Following up on Stu's retirement announcement, the Search Committee would like to update you on our latest efforts. In order to keep this engaged community apprised of the Head of School Search Committee's progress, we will utilize several methods, including email blasts, setting up a link on our school website, as well as announcements in the Falcon Flyer and Parish communications. Our committee has met several times, working through the proposed schedule and charting the work ahead of us. We spent the day on Saturday meeting and interviewing multiple highly qualified search consultants to finalize our selection.

The Head of School Search Committee is happy to announce that we have retained Bob Fricker and Peter Philip to assist in the search process. Bob and Peter, with their colleagues at Carney Sandoe & Associates, are nationally recognized experts in sourcing Head of School candidates. During our time with them, they instilled in each of us a sense of confidence with both their deep experience, their compelling sense of optimism, and their excitement in working with St. Matthew's Parish School.

Our next step is to hold a two day site visit led by our new consultants on February 6th and 7th to get to know our needs and hopes. Included in these days will be meetings with faculty, administrators, the Vestry and Board, students and Parents. Please mark your calendars for a Town Hall Open House on Monday, February 6th in the evening. During the course of these meetings, a survey will go live to our community. Following the visit, we will be back in touch with updates on additional ways and times that we will solicit your input. Ultimately, we expect to create a position statement for both our school and our future Head that draws upon the results of these robust discussions and surveys. Be assured the Search Committee, Board of Trustees and Vestry are united in our efforts to find the candidate who best fits our unique community. We will find someone who shares our vision, values our traditions, with the capacity and experience to take the school into the future.

Each of us is proud, honored and excited to represent the School and Parish Community in the search. You can expect regular communication from our Committee as we move through this process. Thank you for your input and support as we progress.

Warm regards,

Callie Momtazee - Co-Chair
Ted Russell - Co-Chair
Bruce Freeman - Rector
Hunter Doble - Board of Trustees Chair
John Choi - Vestry Representative
Rick Commons - School Board Trustee Representative
Tom Diggs - Faculty Representative
Maida Hastings - Parish Representative
Jennifer Lee - Member-At-Large
Roz Nieman - Member-At-Large
Christine Purcell - Chaplain
Kristin Waters - Member-At-Large