



Dear BHMS Community,

Congratulations on a job well done with the process to choose a new head of school for BHMS! Believe me, I know firsthand how important and big this work was. It demanded the time and careful attention of so many from our community, and it yielded incredible results. Stephanie Pax Flanigan is a long time leader in the Montessori world with expertise heading a growing and thriving twos through 8th grade school. She is a seasoned professional who will be able to jump right in and know the parts she will play in the continuation of excellence at BHMS. She is inheriting a strong administrative team as partners and an exceptional faculty and staff, more wonderful than she can possibly imagine. I imagine Stephanie at the front door welcoming everyone into a community of learners humming away, joyfully and successfully. As we move into this next Strategic Plan and the next phase of dreaming about steps we will take together, I am so happy for Stephanie and excited for us.

I can hardly wait to begin my meetings with Stephanie to share more about the work we have accomplished in our community since 2013. There has been so much progress that I am sure Stephanie is itching to continue it all focused on deepening our Montessori roots in the areas of curriculum development, assessment and benchmarking, supervision and evaluation, communication with parents and across programs, diversity, equity and social justice, and community spirit and bonding. As Dane did for me from the announcement of my headship at BHMS in December on 2013 through our monthly meetings that winter and spring, and up to the day he met me at school on a Saturday to place his keys in my hands, I will do for Stephanie. BHMS is perfectly poised for this transition. Thank you for doing your part throughout the search and moving forward to ensure many more years of thriving and strong leadership in service to our children.

With love and excitement,

Martha