



Dear BHMS Families, Faculty and Staff, and Friends,

I am absolutely delighted and honored to be selected as the next head of school of Brooklyn Heights Montessori School. From the moment that I arrived for my visit just a few weeks ago, I was completely enamored with your wonderful world of happy students, committed faculty and staff, and supportive, enthusiastic parents. The strength of your community is palpable and I knew in my heart right then and there that I had found my next school to hopefully call home.

As a passionate Montessori leader and educator for the past 25 years, I am energized by BHMS's mission and its dedication to an educational experience firmly grounded in Montessori philosophy and equally dedicated to nurturing the skills necessary for students to be prepared not only for high school, but for life beyond. BHMS is a place where academic achievement and excellence go hand in hand with such critically important things as experiential learning and the careful nurturing of the social emotional well-being of each and every individual. Add to that the school's hallmark work in the area of diversity and inclusion as well as its commitment to equity and social justice and the outcome that results is simply extraordinary – students who are curious, thoughtful, confident, kind, compassionate, responsible citizens of the world, and who are ready and eager to take on any challenge that lies ahead.

I am privileged to follow in Martha's footsteps and to continue the fine work that has BHMS poised for its next chapter. I owe my sincere gratitude to the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees for giving me this opportunity to reach for the stars with you and to begin a new journey in Brooklyn. I cannot wait to get started! My husband, John, and I look forward to getting to know each of you, and along with our three grown children - James, Conor, and Allegra - to becoming a part of your remarkable school and community.

With appreciation,

Stephanie Pax Flanigan