



A Message from the Board of Trustees

Dear Madeira Community,

As we embark on Pilar Cabeza de Vaca's final year, we are saddened by the loss of such a transformative Head of School and yet emboldened by the progress of our head search – the strong pool of candidates and their excitement about the future of our School.

We want to take this opportunity to give you an update of the work of the Head of School Search Committee. We began this year with the selection of our search firm, RG 175. Our search consultants, Coreen Hester and Doreen Oleson, presented us with over 40 impressive applications. The field of candidates included sitting heads, former heads, and people in division leader or assistant head roles from all over the United States and several from abroad.

In May, the Search Committee reviewed the resumes and selected nine semi-finalists to interview. These interviews took place over two days earlier this month and from those strong candidates, we identified three finalists who will visit campus this fall to meet the faculty, staff, parents, students, alumnae, and board of Madeira for further evaluation.

These visits will take place between September 9-17. We look forward to introducing these candidates to our community. In the next few weeks we'll share a more specific schedule for the visits and how you can be involved in this important decision about our next Head of School.

We are so grateful to our wonderful search committee: Lee Carol Cook P'19, Gaither Smoot Deaton '88, Carrie Southworth Johnson '95, Harry Klaff P '12, '13, '17, Nancy Miller Montgomery '60, and Kate Wisniewski Weir '02. It has been an exciting process that confirms the many strengths of our School and will ensure strong leadership continuity to build on Pilar's stellar record of stewardship and innovation.

Please continue to visit the [search section](#) of the Madeira website for information and updates.

Festina Lente,

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Co-Chairs, Head Search Committee