

Dear Maumee Valley Community,

Since Lynn shared that she will be leaving Maumee Valley at the end of the 2026–27 school year, many of us have been reflecting with gratitude on her leadership and beginning to consider the school's next chapter. Maumee Valley is strong and well positioned for the future. Our students continue to distinguish themselves across academics, arts, athletics, and service and our community remains vibrant and mission-centered. Lynn's announcement creates an important moment to look ahead with care and purpose.

As Chair of the Head of School Search Committee, I am writing to share how we will move forward together to identify a leader who understands Maumee Valley's distinctive culture and is prepared to guide the school into its next era.

The Board of Trustees has charged a search committee with guiding this process. In forming the committee, Board leadership sought a group small enough to work effectively, broad enough to reflect Maumee Valley's past and present, and experienced enough to represent the range of perspectives, skills, and commitments within our community. Drawing on National Association of Independent Schools guidance, input from others with search committee experience, and our own understanding of Maumee Valley, the Board determined that the search committee should include current Trustees, past Board presidents, and a faculty/staff representative. The members of the Search Committee are:

- Christa Dewire, Chair — Board Treasurer and parent
- Alan Bannister — Board President and alumni parent
- Kate Blake — current Board member and parent
- Jennifer McCary — current Board member and parent
- Saleem Zafar — current Board member, alumnus, and parent
- Nihal Kattar — current Board member, alumnus, and President of the Alumni Council
- Andy Weiner — past Board president and parent
- Amy Yustick — past Board president, alumni parent and MVCDS Director of Finance and Strategy
- Matt Buchanan — past Board president, alumni parent, and current Foundation Board member
- Trent Hayes — MVCDS Director of College Counseling

We are also fortunate to have former MV Head of School Gary Boehm serving as an advisor to the Committee. Please join me in thanking each of these individuals for the time, care, and judgment they will bring to this important work.

Although the Committee will lead the search process and ultimately recommend a candidate to the Board, the work ahead will be strongest if it reflects the full Maumee Valley community. We will build on the input and insights already gathered across the Maumee Valley community and create additional opportunities to update and expand that understanding as we clarify who we are, where we are headed, and what qualities will matter most in our next Head of School.

We also have the benefit of insights and materials from the prior Maumee Valley search, which will inform our work as we consider whether and how to engage a search consulting firm. As part of that work, the Committee will be thoughtful about timing and transition, including whether an interim Head of School would best serve Maumee Valley as we move from Lynn's leadership to the school's next long-term leader. Once those decisions are made, we will share additional details about the process and opportunities for community input.

The Board has charged this Committee not only with helping identify a strong Head of School, but also with leading a process that brings our community together through broad listening, clear communication, and shared reflection on the future of Maumee Valley. I am confident that, together, we can meet that charge well.

Over the past eight years, and nine by the time she concludes her tenure, Lynn has helped strengthen Maumee Valley's educational program, advance academic excellence in leadership and learning, enrich the student experience, and further clarify our mission. There will be many opportunities in the months ahead to recognize and celebrate Lynn and Keith and to thank them for their years of service to Maumee Valley. We look forward to honoring their contributions as they prepare for this next chapter.

It is both humbling and energizing to serve as Chair of this search. I look forward to sharing more in the weeks and months ahead and to ensuring meaningful opportunities for voices across our community to be heard as we move through this important journey together.

Kind regards,



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Board Treasurer and MV Parent

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