

Dear Maumee Valley,

It is with deep gratitude and love for this community that I share my decision to make this school year my final year as Head of School. In accordance with my contract, I submitted to the Board of Trustees the requisite 12 months' notice of my intent to depart. It is incredibly important to me to give our Board of Trustees the time needed to plan a thoughtful transition for our community.

Since stepping into this role in 2018, leading this remarkable community has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my professional life. Maumee Valley is a truly special institution—its commitment to experiential learning and academic excellence sets it apart from other independent schools. That standard is made possible by our extraordinarily talented faculty, dedicated staff, and generations of leaders who cultivate an environment where students are challenged, supported, and inspired to excel.

Beyond my professional journey here, I am profoundly grateful that my own children received the gift of a Maumee Valley education; I know they are kinder, wiser, and better human beings because of it. Our entire community—students, families, faculty, staff, and alumni—graciously embraced my family and me, allowing us to fully experience the magic of Maumee Valley.

Throughout my tenure, I have been privileged to work alongside an exceptional Board of Trustees whose wisdom, strategic vision, and selfless dedication behind the scenes safeguard the mission and future of our school. Trusteeship is a generous act of service, and our Board members give tirelessly of their time and counsel to support our faculty, students, and institutional health.

I am particularly indebted to the extraordinary Board Presidents with whom I have partnered over the years: Matt Buchanan, Amy Yustick, Diana Block, Andy Weiner, and Alan Bannister. Their steady guidance, strategic clarity, and unwavering belief in our shared vision have been invaluable to me. Serving alongside such devoted leaders has been one of the highlights of my time here, and I am profoundly grateful for their trust, partnership, and friendship.

Change naturally brings opportunities for growth and renewal. To support this transition, the Board of Trustees will share additional information in the coming weeks and months regarding the process to identify the next Head of School. The Board is committed to conducting a process that incorporates meaningful input from across our community. I

am confident that this thoughtful, collaborative approach will maintain the strength, stability, and strategic momentum of our school.

In the meantime, I remain fully committed to serving as your Head of School. I look forward to continuing to learn, lead, and celebrate alongside all of you throughout the coming year.

Together, we remain focused on building upon the strong foundation that defines our community. Thank you for all that you do. It is an honor to be part of this remarkable school, and I look forward to making this final chapter one filled with meaningful accomplishments, treasured memories, and continued growth.

Warmly,



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Head of School

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