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Dear Whitby Community:

We hope you are doing well in these final days before the new school year begins. On behalf of our Search Committee, I am writing with an update on our Head of School search.

The Search Committee met earlier this month to review a curated pool of candidate files — the result of months of recruitment and evaluation by our consultants. We were thoroughly impressed with the breadth and depth of the applicant pool, which includes sitting heads of school and experienced educators from across the country and beyond. After robust discussion and evaluation of each candidate in the context of the priorities described in the Position Description, we identified nine individuals to invite for confidential interviews in a semi-finalist round in late August. Pending the outcome of those interviews, we anticipate welcoming four finalists to campus on the following dates:

- September 11 and 12
- September 18 and 19
- September 20 and 21
- September 26 and 27

The campus visits will offer opportunities for all members of the Whitby community to meet with each of the candidates. In the coming weeks, please watch the <u>website</u> and your email for details about those finalist visits.

We remain excited and optimistic that we will be able to recommend the next Head of School to the full Board of Trustees this fall, allowing for a robust transition period in close partnership with Dr. Jack Creeden.

We are excited about our truly stellar pool of applicants, which affirms the excellent reputation of Whitby and the attractiveness of our community and program.

With appreciation,

Dr. Andrea Douglas, Search Chair