



August 10, 2026

Dear Members of the BCD Community,

I hope this finds you and your families well. The BCD Board of Trustees has been active throughout the summer, in part with planning around the search for a new Head of School who will lead BCD into its next chapter. I am connecting with you today to share several updates with respect to that ongoing work.

The BCD Board of Trustees has formally engaged Carney Sandoe & Associates to conduct a nationwide search for BCD's next Head of School. We are also delighted to share that [Lisa Parsons](#) will be our lead consultant, who comes to us with over three decades of independent school experience. Many of you will remember Carney Sandoe as the team who conducted the Community Survey for us last spring. We know we will benefit greatly from their continued partnership and extensive knowledge.

A Search Committee has been formed, comprised of seven BCD Trustees and two BCD Faculty. Merrilee Mardon, currently Vice President of BCD's Board of Trustees and Deputy Head of School at Phillips Andover, will chair this committee.

[Merrilee Mardon](#), *Chair* – BCD Trustee

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[Maggie Farrell](#) – Third Grade Class Teacher, BCD

You can expect regular communication and updates from the Search Committee as we proceed more deeply into the work. While separate communications will be made with respect to all opportunities for our wider community to engage in this process, we wanted to highlight the following for you here, as both will occur during the first half of September:

Thursday September 10: All-Day Campus Visit with Lisa Parsons (*Carney Sandoe*)

Tuesday, September 15: Community Zoom Call with Lisa Parsons

While we cannot yet confirm precise timelines, we are able share our expectations to have finalist candidates identified by the late fall and our Head of School chosen this coming winter. We are excited and ready for all that lies ahead – thank you in advance for your support and engagement!

With deep gratitude,

Scott Sylvester (P'20, '23, '26)

President, BCD Board of Trustees