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Dear SSCA Families, Friends, Faculty and Staff,

We would like to give you the latest update to our search process. While we have been so fortunate to have two candidates interview last month onsite at SSCA, our search continues for this incredibly important role. As a result, the Board of Trustees met last Thursday evening and has made the decision to extend the search for our inaugural Head of School.

The Board and Search Committee have taken very seriously the role that has been entrusted to us as we guide the search for SSCA's inaugural Head of School. From the start, one tenet has been to not rush the process. Through our rigorous process, we have become even more confident that we are taking the right steps in finding the best person to step into the role as the next leader of SSCA. SSCA is a special place and we need a special person to be our partner. It has taken longer than we anticipated and we remain committed to the vision.

The Search Committee has also recently met to discuss our next steps in this important process, and we will continue to update our community as we move forward. Over the next month, we will review additional candidates and put together a schedule for interview rounds and campus visits. This will extend our projected timeline and would translate to an appointment made in early to mid-May. We intend to continue this process in a timely, but deliberate fashion. In the event we do not find suitable candidates in the coming weeks, we will announce an interim leadership plan for the 2024-25 academic year.

We are so grateful for Principal Walsh's leadership over the last eight years and especially. through this year as we engage in this search process. We respect her decision to step down after this school year and her timetable has not changed.

I know this has been a stressful process for all involved, and please know the Board's sole focus is to make the best decision for our school. We continue to make ourselves available for questions and concerns. On behalf of the Board and the Search Committee, we thank you for your interest and involvement in this important engagement for our school. Please continue to keep the process in your prayers as we continue to work toward a successful conclusion.

With God's blessings,

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