



The
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School

November 30, 2007

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

At the board meeting earlier this week, I shared with our Board of Trustees my decision to step down as Head of School at the end of the current school year. After more than two decades in this wonderful community, nine as a classroom teacher followed by fourteen as Head, it is difficult for me to imagine *not* being at The Little School. Still, after long and careful deliberation, I am certain that this is the right course for both the school and myself at this time.

The school is strong and healthy in every respect and it is an ideal time for a transition in leadership. We have a clear understanding of our educational mission and of the core values that drive that mission. Under the guidance of talented and caring teachers, students are thriving in our classrooms – from the half-day classes of three- and four-year-olds to the oldest classes of ten-, eleven- and twelve-year-olds. Our administrative staff functions as a well-practiced team to manage school resources and support day-to-day activities. Our Parent Association plays a vital role in maintaining the strong sense of community we all enjoy by planning a wide range of gatherings and events while also raising funds to support school programs. We have a capable and dedicated Board of Trustees that understands the role of governance and works hard on behalf of the school to ensure that future generations of students will be able to experience the best that The Little School has to offer. In short, all of the pieces are in place to sustain everything that we value so highly in this community.

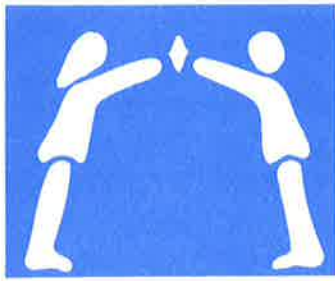
I know that the time is right for me personally to do something different because that is the message sounding so clearly in my heart. I'm going to practice what I preach about the value of lifelong learning by opening myself up to new possibilities.

It has been a joy and an honor for me to be part of this community. I had the privilege of working under the guidance of our school's founder, Eleanor Siegl, for many years. I've spent my days with the finest teachers on earth at this school – people who dedicate their lives to serving children with sensitivity, respect and caring compassion. I have watched a steady stream of students go through our school, starting as wide-eyed three-year-olds and outgrowing many years later as confident and capable students with their curiosity still alive and their passion for learning intact. These experiences will remain with me always as cherished gifts.

What a wondrous journey this has been! Thank you for being part of my extended family during my time at The Little School.

Sincerely,

Paul Brahce
Head of School



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Dear Friends and Families of The Little School,

As President of the Board of Trustees, it is with mixed emotions that I accept Paul Brahce's decision to resign as Head of School, effective July 1, 2008. After 23 years at The Little School, 12 of them as Head, it is going to be hard to imagine the school without Paul's dedicated leadership.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we support Paul's decision wholeheartedly. It is the right time for Paul to leave and stretch himself personally and professionally. Likewise, we as a school are in excellent shape to make this kind of transition. Paul leaves the school in stellar condition to face the future. We are in strong financial shape, are clear on our mission and values, and by the end of this school year will have a new strategic plan to guide the future of the school. We are blessed with an outstanding faculty and staff that are second to none in their professionalism and understanding of children. With such a solid foundation in place, we are in prime position to embrace a transition in leadership and all the excitement and new perspective it is sure to bring.

While change always brings a combination of excitement and challenge, I want to reassure the community that the transition will be as seamless and well-organized as possible. With the assistance of representatives from the faculty, staff and board, I will lead the search for a new head. The composition of the search committee will be announced as soon as it is finalized. The process as laid out by school policy is as follows: first an interim Head will be hired for one year, then we will begin a nationwide search for a new Head of School. This procedure, used by most independent schools, ensures a smooth transition with ample time to find the right permanent Head of School.

On behalf of all of the trustees, I want to thank Paul for his incredible contributions to The Little School. The impact he has made on our community is immeasurable. We thank him for the heartfelt dedication he has shown this school. He has spent hours ensuring that all members of the community felt seen and heard while never wavering from his commitment to our children: their development, their love of learning and their well being.

As a parent and board member I am sad to see Paul leave; he has been a part of my extended family during my time at The Little School. That said, I find myself looking forward to our next chapter at this exceptional school. With the levels of dedication, talent and care we already have in our community, this is sure to be an exhilarating time in our school's future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at kcmoore@gte.net or by phone at (425) 576-0181.

Sincerely,

Kelly Conroy Moore
President, Board of Trustees