

Dear Stanley Community:

I am delighted to write to you as the Chair of the Head Search Committee and Chair Elect of the Stanley Board of Trustees. My family has been a member of the Stanley BPS community since 2011, when our son, David, now in 7th grade, joined Julie & Kristin's kindergarten class. Our daughter, Sophie, now in 5th grade, started two years later in what is now Sally & Catalina's class. I am also a lawyer and the Chair of the Litigation, Trials and Appeals department at my law firm. In that capacity I have been closely involved in numerous professional searches from office staff to partners and, most recently the COO of our firm. I love our school and our mission and am excited to embark on this journey.

The selection of the Head of School is the single most important duty of the Board of Trustees and we are organized and prepared to find an inspiring, extraordinary leader. Since Tim's announcement, the Board of Trustees has formed an initial core Head Search Committee comprised of six Trustees. We are committed to a search process that considers input from all stakeholders, and there will be ample opportunity for everyone – from students and parents to staff and faculty – to provide feedback.

The initial task for the core Head Search Committee will be to select a search consultant with expertise in independent schools within the next couple of weeks. Our Board Chair, Garth Jensen, and I have already prescreened and elicited written proposals from several national consultants specializing in independent head searches for the Head Search Committee to consider. The consultant will then work with the core Head Search Committee to round out the committee pursuant to best practices.

Please expect another communication in the near future including introductions to the search consultant and Head Search Committee and an anticipated timeline for the search.

Your interest in the head search process and participation throughout will be critical to successfully identifying a new Head of School that will lead us into the future that we imagine for Stanley BPS. Stay tuned for details about an anticipated site visit, including opportunities to meet the consultant before the end of school, and other ways to get involved in the process!

With appreciation,

Katie Varholak
Chair of the Search Committee
Chair-Elect of the Stanley Board of Trustees