

The Wyndcroft School



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Dear David and Joe:

It has been a great privilege to be the Head of the Wyndcroft School for the last twelve years. When I arrived in 1998, the Board of Trustees asked me how long I thought I would stay and I told them I hoped to work for ten more years. But I have stayed a little longer. Wyndcroft students are hard to leave! But there comes a time when it is time to move on and to face new directions. Accordingly, I am informing you officially of my plan to retire as Head of School in June 2011.

I remember telling my husband after one of my first visits to the school as a candidate for the position of Head of School that Wyndcroft was a "hidden gem" of a school. It has been my task and my goal to polish that gem to make it even brighter and a lot less hidden. With the coming together of many happy circumstances, and with a great deal of help from some outstanding colleagues, I believe I have achieved that goal.

I have had the great pleasure of watching Wyndcroft grow and strengthen over the last twelve years. The robust economy of the early years of the decade helped us with some of the most exciting changes that have occurred during my tenure. The building renovations of 2000 transformed the school, giving us a newly designed Upper School, a new library and computer room, extra classrooms and widened hallways. We closed school in June and returned to our "new" school, fully renovated and with all the work completed, in September. As one teacher said to me then, "I feel so proud walking into this attractive school now." We were poised then to grow the student body, and with increased enrollment and the generous financial support of alumni, Trustees, and parents over the years, we were able to better realize our mission of excellent academics in a nurturing setting. I am very happy that Wyndcroft is now so well regarded in the region as one of the premier pre-preparatory schools in the area.

I would like to close my Wyndcroft journey by expressing my admiration for Wyndcroft parents. I am constantly impressed by their devotion to their children, their belief in education, and their support of the school. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Trustees who have given so much time, energy and financial support to the school over the years, especially the long serving executive committee of President, Joe Donley, Vice presidents Jan Mest and Jackie Lurio, and Treasurers, Greg Blazic, Bob Stevens and Steve Ferrara. These individuals gave hours of service to the school and were a great personal support to me. I want to thank the faculty of Wyndcroft for all their hard work and for all they do in keeping Wyndcroft a shining gem. I doubt anyone could find a more talented and dedicated group of teachers. And lastly, I need to thank my wonderful, outstanding administrative team, too many to mention individually but they know who they are. They are, truly, the polish on the gem.

I know I am leaving Wyndcroft in a very positive condition and you can be sure that both Bill and I will always support the school. I am full of confidence in the governance of the school under your leadership. I know you will find just the person to be the next head of school. He or she comes to a Wyndcroft of great parents, excellent teachers and administrators, and absolutely wonderful kids—the future is bright!

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