



Teaching students with learning differences how to learn, how to be independent, and how to be successful.

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To The de Paul School Community,

It is my hope that 2020 is full of blessings for all in our de Paul Community! As we wind down from the holiday season and gear up for a New Year, our community sees a time of change ahead as our Head of School, Tony Kemper has announced his intention to retire from The de Paul School on June 30, 2021.

Tony has spent tireless hours, days, and nights working with and for our children. Many of us who have personally experienced the transformative education that is The de Paul School know that his commitment is unquestionable. With his leadership, the school has grown significantly. Our education has continued to evolve to meet each child's needs. During his tenure our entire school building has been renovated, he has trained other educators in other countries. He has always managed our school with dignity and grace. Truly his contributions are too many to mention here and thus we as a community have much for which to be grateful!

Rest assured, with Tony's help, the Board of Trustees, Administration and Staff are prepared! The Board has developed a Search Committee and we have spent several hours already in preparation to select a successor. We appreciate Tony's generous notice of his intention to retire. That allows us plenty of time to find our next Head. With more than a year's notice, this is not a search that will be completed hastily, as we are in no rush. We will be working with a well-known search firm with significant experience in Head searches who will conduct a national search for the new Head. We on the Board, and the Committee, intend to be deliberate about the process. We assure you that we will keep you posted as we pass the various milestones. As friends of The de Paul School, we will put the children at the center of this search and this mission. As our Founder, Sister Anne Rita said often, in putting the children at the center of all decisions, we cannot go wrong. We intend to follow her sage advice in this matter as well.

Our school is renowned and well-respected for the work that occurs here each day. We are well positioned for continued growth and we look forward to a strong and exciting future with leadership that is sure to continue to prepare us for the way forward! The Board and the Search Committee will work diligently to make that happen.

Sincerely,

Angela M. Chumbley
Chairman, Board of Trustees
The de Paul School