



April 12, 2011

Dear Oak Meadow Parent, Students, Faculty, Staff and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Wenninger to the position of Interim Head of School for Oak Meadow effective July 1, 2011. This past Monday, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to accept the Search Committee's enthusiastic recommendation to hire Paul. He was selected from a strong pool of candidates recruited in a highly competitive, nationwide search.

Paul is a talented administrator and educator, bringing over 20 years of experience that includes Headships at independent and Montessori schools. Most recently, he served as Head of School at New Gate School, a 240 student Montessori school in Sarasota for pre-school through 12th grade. Paul's respect for a positive school climate and leadership in education make him an excellent match for Oak Meadow's dynamism and development. "Both exciting and comfortable," were Paul's words describing Oak Meadow, and he looks forward to getting started with us quickly. Paul will relocate from Albuquerque, New Mexico, in order to join us on our journey as a Montessori school in the 21st Century.

I would like to express deep thanks to the Search Committee. Led by Lyn Goldman, they have worked tirelessly during the past few months on the crucial step of solidifying our next leadership phase. I have witnessed and experienced a trusting, collaborative team effort comprised of faculty, staff, parents and trustees. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would also like to thank all of you who have participated and provided input to this critical process.

The search process to fill the permanent Head of School position will carry on into the coming school year. These past few months were a preview of the work to come in selecting our next Head of School. We are proud of this community's talent and look forward to the coming months. David Stettler will continue to provide his strong vision and leadership to the school through June, as well as assist us in ensuring a smooth transition as we welcome Paul Wenninger to the Oak Meadow community.

With warm regards,

Robin L. Foley - Chair, Board of Trustees

The Search Committee:

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