

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY Lauralton Hall

Dear Lauralton Community,

I hope this note finds you all enjoying our balmy winter. We on the Search Committee have been busy meeting Head of School candidates as we narrow the field.

We'd like to share with you where we are at this moment.

- Since the Fall our consultants, Joan Beauregard and Sally Mixsell, have been recruiting and vetting candidates for our search. I, and often Patrick Lagrange, our Board Chair, have met with them weekly for updates and planning.
- On January 27th, our consultants sent an impressive group of dossiers they deemed worthy of our consideration. We spent a week reading through these and noting our impressions.
- The Search Committee met to review those applications on February 3rd and selected four semifinalist candidates. They represented an array of backgrounds and talents, all of which in one way or another met the leadership profile as published in the *Information for Candidates* document.
- We have now met those semifinalists via Zoom. At the end of this meeting, on February 14th, the committee chose three finalists who will be invited to campus in early March. Finalist candidates will be at Lauralton on the following dates:
 - Candidate 1: March 2-3
 - Candidate 2: March 6-7
 - Candidate 3: March 9-10
- We hope you will participate in these finalist visits by attending a session for your constituent group and sharing your impressions with the Search Committee. All sessions will meet in the *Auditorium* at the following times:
 - **Parent sessions:** 8:00-8:45am - March 3, March 7, and March 10
 - **Faculty/Staff sessions:** 2:30-3:30pm - March 2, March 6, and March 9

Each finalist will also tour the school, visit classes, and meet with the Board, the Search Committee, administrators, students, and others in small groups.

- Shortly before each visit we will send an email sharing information about the candidate coming in and the link to a survey requesting your impressions. We hope you will complete this within 24 hours of the visit (so as not to confuse candidates as they arrive in rapid succession). Your input is important to us as we will use it as another data point. Please help Lauralton by participating in the visits and providing your feedback.

Please let the consultants (smixsell@educatorscollaborative.com, jbeauregard@educatorscollaborative.com) know if you have any questions as we enter the finalist phase of the search. We are excited by the quality of candidates Lauralton has attracted and look forward to meeting our finalists in person.

Warm regards,

Charlotte Evans

Chair, Lauralton Hall Head Search Committee