



Update from the Board of Trustees

October 16, 2024

Dear Green Hedges Community,

Our Head of School, Jennifer Bohnen, has informed me, as Board Chair, that the 2024-2025 school year will be her last at Green Hedges School. While we congratulate Jenn as she anticipates a cross-country move to assume the Head of School position at Phillips Brooks School in Menlo Park, CA, her decision to leave us is a bittersweet moment for our school community. Having long valued Jenn as an educator, friend, and counselor to many in our community, we will deeply miss her at Green Hedges.

Since 2019, Green Hedges has prospered under Jenn's steady leadership and benefited from her many contributions. Specifically, Jenn guided the community through the COVID-19 pandemic—an unprecedented time in our school's history and, indeed, the world's. Emerging from the pandemic, Jenn continued to strengthen the school by increasing enrollment, launching our successful two-year-old program, retaining and attracting top faculty and staff, and collaborating with the Board on a fresh campus plan that will improve our learning and play spaces for years to come. Through it all, Jennifer has embodied the Green Hedges mission and values and fostered deep connections throughout the community. Her achievements are a testament to her dedication and leadership, and we are proud to have had her as our Head of School.

Both the Board and Jenn are committed to a smooth and well-managed transition, and Jenn will remain fully engaged at GHS through the end of this school year. Rest assured that our Board has been thoughtful and deliberate about our approach to this leadership transition. To that end, we will be announcing an Interim Head of School for the 2025-2026 school year by the end of October. At the same time, we will embark on a national search to bring a permanent Head of School to Green Hedges for the 2026-2027 school year. Our core values of achieving distinction, exploring opportunities, inspiring character, and becoming yourself remain strong, and we look forward to seeing GHS continue to thrive under future leadership.

For now, we thank Jenn for her many contributions to the Green Hedges School, its children and families. Grateful, and fortunate, to have her at the helm for the next nine months, we wish her well in her next endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jessica Wadlow
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Dear Green Hedges Community,

I am writing to inform you that this school year, 2024-25, will be my last year as Head of School at Green Hedges. I have mixed emotions about leaving a community I care about so deeply. While this was not an easy decision, I am excited to move to my home state of California to be closer to my family and start a new position as Head of School at the Phillips Brooks School in Menlo Park.

What a joy and honor it has been for me to lead Green Hedges School! With the Board's generous support and partnership and the extraordinary engagement of the Parent Association, my leadership team, and the faculty and staff, Green Hedges is stronger than ever.

During these past six years, the Kilmer Family's vision for Green Hedges has been my guiding light. We have launched new programs that not only transformed the educational experiences of our students but also engaged and supported the community around us. We sustained the GHS mission statement to "inspire young people of talent and promise to develop clear values, a desire for wisdom, and an appreciation for all endeavors which broaden the mind and enlighten the spirit" through the pandemic, which historians will no doubt deem one of the most difficult educational challenges of our time. Above all, the experiences I will treasure most have been in the small moments - the time with students, the laughter, connection, resilience, humility, and care that tie our community together.

Green Hedges is poised for continued success. With such a highly experienced and effective leadership team in place, GHS will continue to hum behind the scenes, and the team will ensure that the operational side will run smoothly throughout the transition. The dedicated faculty and staff of GHS will continue to put students first and, as Jessica shared, the Board of Trustees is committed to a smooth leadership transition. I am confident that the legacy we have built together will continue to thrive, ensuring a bright future for Green Hedges.

Green Hedges is a special place, and I will be forever grateful to the community for your unwavering support and dedication. Even as I look forward to supporting a smooth leadership transition, I also look forward to engaging the Green Hedges community throughout the year with all the energy and commitment we have always brought to this vital work. Today, GHS is a healthy and joyful school, and I will feel proud to hand over the helm to the Interim Head of School on July 1, 2025.

Warmly,



Jenn Bohnen
Head of School

Mission

We inspire young people of talent and promise to develop clear values, a desire for wisdom, and an appreciation for all endeavors which broaden the mind and enlighten the spirit.

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