



Dear Matt,

It is with heavy heart that I write to inform you that, after much deliberation and conversation, Robin and I have decided that the 2019-2020 academic year will be our last at Canterbury School. We have felt so welcomed and supported by so many members of the school community over our time in Fort Wayne, and are so fortunate to include two of our children among those students who have benefited greatly from a Canterbury education. The thought of leaving a community that has become an important part of our lives over the past three years is certainly bittersweet, making our decision difficult, to say the least. Personally, however, the timing of such a change makes sense for our family. With our youngest child set to graduate from Canterbury in June, we have the rest of our lives as empty-nesters to plan for, and this natural transition to a new phase of life seems an appropriate occasion to consider new horizons.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to preside over Canterbury's 40th year celebration during the 2017-2018 academic year. The story of Canterbury's modest beginnings at Trinity Episcopal Church to its current status as an EC-12 institution with multiple campuses continues to inspire me, as does the continued engagement of so many of those individuals who were instrumental in building Canterbury into the impressive educational community it is today. I remain quite moved by so many of the traditions – small and large – that create such deep affection for this institution, and I consider myself quite fortunate to have played a part in the evolutionary course of the school.

It was also a pleasure to participate in the process of reframing the school's mission, broadening its scope into the "Identity Framework" – a document rich in language that provides a blueprint for the school's vision and future growth as a deliberately student-centered environment that provides a truly transformational experience for every child fortunate enough to work with our talented and committed faculty. The work that the faculty has achieved over the past year providing institutional definitions for many of the concepts delineated in the Framework – which we will share with the school community in the fall – creates a variety of lenses for the school to use as it considers the most advantageous ways to move its programming and pedagogy forward, and ensures a structure by which the school's focus will always be fixed on living its mission each day on behalf of our students.



It has been a joy to lead Canterbury, and to come to know so many members of the school community so well – students, faculty, parents, grandparents, alumni, parents of alumni, Board and Foundation members alike. I will miss these relationships, the opportunity to work side-by-side with so many of these individuals, and the occasions in which I am able to spend some time with them to hear about their successes, their hopes, and their dreams. Canterbury is a special place, and I will always remember my time here with great affection because of the relationships I was fortunate enough to have, and the experiences I had the opportunity to enjoy.

Know that I am ready to assist you, the Board, and our new leader in any way you see fit during the course of the coming year. Canterbury is a wonderful school with enormous potential, and I look forward to hearing of its successes for many years to come.

Yours Sincerely,

Bill Ennist
Head of School