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To Parents and Constituents of KIS,

Last year, the Board of KIS conducted a global search for a new School Director and three finalists visited KIS. None of them seemed right for us and, as we looked into excellent leadership within KIS, we found that Michelle Quirin, High School Principal, would be a great fit for the position. On November 10th 2016, the board announced her as interim School Director for 2017-18 school year.

Next year will be her 5th year at KIS, and she is a respected educator in the KIS community. During her term as High School Principal, she received positive feedback from her students, parents, and faculty members within the High School division. She is knowledgeable and has a strong understanding of the current needs here at KIS, and she has the right experience and capability to carry out the role of the school director position.

The KIS Board and Administration have been carefully monitoring her performance and we are very pleased with her professionalism, leadership, and integrity during her Interim Director transitional period. The transition for Michelle has been smooth this school year, and she has made a positive impact with our school community, parents, and school leadership members. Through our STEM-based Applied Learning initiatives, she has shown leadership to enhance creativity, critical thinking, and the overall culture of our student learning environment. Her input in developing the summer renovation project was invaluable in accomplishing large goals within a limited time period. We believe it is for the best interest of the KIS community that we consider appointing Michelle as School Director for the upcoming school year. We are confident that she will be able to take KIS to the next higher step in a timely fashion.

Michelle will be hosting a Director's coffee to present her future vision for the school on Friday, September 29 at 9:30 AM at Conference Hall. With positive participation by all members, the board will be looking forward to reviewing input and recommendations from the KIS community until we officially announce her as School Director for 2018-19.

When the board has gathered feedback about the decision to appoint Michelle as the next school director, she will no longer serve as the HS principal starting in the 2018-19 school year and KIS will begin a formal candidate search to find a new HS principal to replace Michelle Quirin.

Respectfully,

KIS Board