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To the Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Friends of Valwood School:

The Valwood School Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the formation of the Head of School Search Committee to identify and appoint the next Valwood Head of School. The incoming head will serve as Valwood's eleventh permanent head and the sixth permanent head since 1988.

The board is committed to conducting a comprehensive, nationwide search to identify a leader who will continue to advance Valwood's mission of Academics, Character, and Service. Throughout the search process, the committee will seek meaningful engagement and input from across the Valwood community, including parents, faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Mr. John Davis will remain Head of School through the 2026–2027 academic year and will continue to serve until a new head of school is appointed. This commitment ensures continuity, stability, and a smooth transition for the school. The board will remain flexible with respect to the search timeline, recognizing the highly competitive landscape for independent school leadership.

We want to take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Davis. The Valwood Board of Trustees and the entire Valwood community are deeply thankful for his dedicated leadership over the past eight years, and we look forward to honoring his many contributions in the months ahead.

As Valwood begins this important next chapter, we do so with confidence, optimism, and a shared commitment to the school's future. This search represents a meaningful opportunity to build on our strong foundation and position Valwood for continued growth and success for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Starling H. Waldron '82, Chairman of the Board

Head of School Search Committee Members:

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