



## Mr. Zanowski's Retirement Letter

September 7, 2022

Dear Woodlawn Community,

I am writing to share with you my decision to retire from school leadership in June 2023. It is a decision my family and I reached last winter after months of careful thought, a decision I shared with our board in March. It was a difficult decision, one based solely on personal factors. I love our school and I love serving our community. I am proud of Woodlawn and excited for the opportunities that lie ahead for our school, but circumstances in my family life call upon me to devote more of my time, energy, and focus to my family.

In the months since March, I have partnered closely with the board to ensure that Woodlawn would have a smooth, successful transition. The board's selection of Holly Honeycutt to serve as our next head of school is an excellent decision. Developing leadership from within is the mark of a successful organization and Holly has proven herself to be a talented leader, someone with deep knowledge of our school and a record of success serving in a variety of leadership roles at Woodlawn. In my decades of school service, I have known many great school leaders; I am proud to say that Holly is one of the best. I am excited that she will lead Woodlawn into its next twenty years.

This year, I look forward to continuing my partnership with our board of directors and with Holly to provide Woodlawn with strong, stable, effective leadership and a smooth, successful transition. 2022 has been a year of remarkable growth and improvement at Woodlawn and I am more confident and excited than ever for the future of our school.

Serving as your head of school has been a great honor to me and a source of joy in my life. It is the capstone of a school leadership career that began in the mid-Eighties. Woodlawn embodies all that is best in education. Our commitment to hands-on, student-centered, Project Based Learning and our culture of joyful learning is school the way it is meant to be. Woodlawn is a place where growth mindsets are nurtured and, at every level, flourish. As such, Woodlawn shall always be a school whose greatest days lie just ahead.

With kind regards and deep gratitude,

Paul Zanowski  
Head of School