

April 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Beechwood Community,

I am very pleased to announce today that Mrs. Priscilla Taylor has agreed to become the next Principal of Beechwood School. Her character and experience make her uniquely qualified to lead our school into the future. I know that she will carry on our school's mission with compassion and grace.

Mrs. Taylor has served in a number of roles during her 25 years at Beechwood. She started as our Librarian/Volunteer coordinator from 1995-1997, taught math and a few years of 6th grade social studies from 1997-2002, served as 8th Grade teacher and Vice-Principal from 2000-2002, was Principal from 2003-2007 and for the last 13 years has been the Middle School Math Teacher and 8th Grade homeroom teacher. In all of these roles, Priscilla has displayed an ability to hold students to a high standard while also being able to connect with them and support them through difficult times. In addition, she has been an invaluable model and mentor for her fellow teachers. Her communication and relationship building with parents is exemplary, as is her grasp of modern technology.

I want to express my appreciation to our hiring committee, who helped to make this decision. Made up of two parents, two board members, a teacher and myself, the committee was unanimous in their recommendation that Mrs. Taylor was the best candidate.

Mrs. Taylor and I will work closely over the next few months to ensure that there is a smooth transition. My last day as Principal will be August 7th. Mrs. Taylor will take over my position after that. Knowing that Beechwood will be in good hands after I depart, is the greatest gift that I could receive.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

David Laurance  
Principal, Beechwood School