



Dear friends of The Little School,

It is with great appreciation, humility, and a full heart that I am writing to let you know that I will conclude my tenure as Executive Director of The Little School on June 30, 2019. The school is thriving, teachers and parents are working beautifully in partnership, and our children are developing happily. It is the right time for me to move on and pass the great privilege and opportunity of leading The Little School. It is now time for me to pursue a role that is in the community my family and I are living in. I will miss the Little School community dearly, but I am confident that this is the right decision for the school and for me.

I have had a tremendous three years working with an extraordinary staff, administrative team and engaged community. With the mindful approach the teaching staff takes to all curricular, environmental and developmental decisions; the level of commitment they exhibit in providing the children with the most optimal learning environment every day; and the alignment of community, staff and Board of Trustees to our mission and approach to education, I am confident that The Little School will continue on its path of success.

The Little School Board of Trustees and I are working together to ensure a successful leadership transition and to maintain The Little School's goals and mission to setting the highest standards of what it means to be a relationship-based, inclusive program committed to providing individualized, quality education. The year is still young, there is plenty of good work to be done, and I am invested in supporting the next ED to help orient them with the school systems and culture.

My thanks to all of you for your continued interest in The Little School. It has been a true honor, a humbling experience, and a great privilege to work at such an exceptional school. I am happy to stay in touch with you throughout the admissions process and welcome your questions or concerns.

With appreciation and great affection,

Matt Linden



Dear Friends of The Little School,

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that Matt Linden will be moving on as the Executive Director of The Little School at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. While we fully support his decision to work closer to the community in which he and his family live, we will miss his thoughtful leadership. Since 2016, Matt has played an important role in The Little School's success, and we are very grateful for his dedicated service.

Accordingly, the Board of Trustees has organized a Search Committee to identify the school's next Executive Director (ED) who will continue building upon The Little School's successes. We feel it is prudent to immediately begin successive searches for both an Interim ED for the 2019-20 school year and for a permanent ED. This approach, commonly employed by independent schools with compelling success, will provide us with the opportunity to attract the most qualified pool of candidates, while ensuring the school's organizational and programmatic stability during this transition period.

We have established an experienced and capable Interim ED Search Committee, led by Holly Teliska, current Trustee and alum parent. The Search Committee will be comprised of Trustees, current and alum parents, teachers and experienced recruiters. Additional details for the searches will be forthcoming via direct communications from the Search Committee and on The Little School website.

Change creates opportunity. We are in a very strong position to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. The Little School continues to be a leader in early childhood education with a commitment to diversity and inclusion, thrives on an extraordinarily skilled teaching and administrative team, benefits from a strong financial position, is upheld by the active support of a dedicated parent community, and is supported by an engaged Board of Trustees. We are confident that the school's reputation and strengths will attract excellent candidates.

We are deeply committed to maintaining the school's high standards and continued success during this time of transition. In partnership with Matt, we will maintain our ongoing commitment to the goals and mission of The Little School - as a school and as a community. If you have any questions during this transition process, please do not hesitate to reach out to Holly Teliska, Search Committee Chair, at directorsearch@littleschool.org.

We are delighted by and grateful for your continued interest in The Little School. We look to the future with confidence.

Sincerely,
Charmaine Pattinson
President, Board of Trustees of The Little School