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Dear Parents,

I write to share exciting hiring news for The Philadelphia School. As my October 18th letter indicated, we will be adding one full-time administrator to our staff who will support the work of the Preschool and Primary Units. I am thrilled that Carlye Nelson-Major will be joining The Philadelphia School community this summer.

Carlye is currently the Head of School at The School in Rose Valley, located in Media, PA. Carlye got to know The Philadelphia School last year as one of the co-chairs of our PAIS accreditation team. She and I have also been active in a group of progressive school heads in the area, and I am completely delighted at the idea of working together with her to further the mission of progressive education at TPS.

Carlye has a depth of experience to bring to this position. In addition to serving as Head of School for the past eight years, she has also been curriculum developer and a classroom teacher in preschool through grade five. Her thirty years of experience in progressive independent schools and in the public sector offer TPS incredible strengths.

Carlye's interest in joining TPS now is rooted in her desire to continue her own professional growth, and she is eager to be involved in a more urban school setting. She is also excited about working with Emily Marston and me to further strengthen the curricular program at TPS. With Carlye's experience and background as a skilled progressive educator, she will join Emily Marston as an Associate Head of School. Carlye's title will be Associate Head for Preschool and Primary Units; Emily will be Associate Head for Junior Unit and Middle School.

I could not be more pleased with the results of the search that delivered applicants from across the nation, and Emily and I are eager to begin working with Carlye. I know you will join me in welcoming her to The Philadelphia School this summer.

With warmest regards,

Amy P. Vorenberg
Head of School