



Dear Capital City Public Charter School Community:

I hope that you are enjoying your summers! As you know, we are engaged in an important time of transition, as our Head of School, Karen Dresden, will retire from Capital City at the end of the 2022-23 school year. I am writing to share updates about the transition and invite you to share your thoughts on our search. I know I speak for many of us when I say I am immensely grateful to Karen for her leadership and service and for her determination to spend the upcoming academic year working tirelessly to strengthen our institution and facilitate the development and implementation of a three-year strategic plan to ensure a successful leadership change.

The Head of School Search Committee has already begun its work. This Committee is composed of a deeply dedicated group that includes a Capital City co-founder, parents and alumni. As Chair of the Board of Trustees, I have agreed to lead this Search Committee, which also includes: Quameice Harris (Vice Chair and Parent Trustee), Anne Herr (co-founder and Trustee), Mizmun Kusairi (Trustee), and Xiomara Santos (alumni and Trustee). We welcome your questions, feedback or suggestions for candidates throughout the recruitment process. Please reach out to us at [HoSTransition@ccpcs.org](mailto:HoSTransition@ccpcs.org).

To assist with this process, we have retained Lois Mufuka Martin and Pete Gillin of Diversified Search Group, a leading executive search firm with specific expertise in charter schools. As they begin their work with the Search Committee, they welcome the input of students, families, faculty, staff, and administrators regarding the qualifications and characteristics that they hope to see in the next Head of School of Capital City. Lois and Pete are meeting virtually with administrators and board members this summer and will begin meeting with teachers, staff and parents when everyone returns in August. If you would also like to share your perspective, we can help arrange a time for you to connect with the Search Committee and Diversified Search Group. Email [HoSTransition@ccpcs.org](mailto:HoSTransition@ccpcs.org). You can also stay up-to-date with the search at [www.ccpcs.org/about/head-school-search](http://www.ccpcs.org/about/head-school-search).

Capital City's Board recognizes that we have no more important responsibility than to choose a Head of School under whose leadership Capital City will thrive in the execution of our mission. We are clear-eyed in our understanding that the very assumptions that underlie the delivery of quality education are being challenged in a world undergoing change at ever-increasing speeds. However, we are energized by the knowledge that with challenge comes opportunity: our world needs us to "graduate young adults who are self-directed, intellectually engaged, and possess a commitment to personal and civic responsibility."

Thank you, in advance, for your support as we work to find our next leader and as we move Capital City forward.

Warm regards,  
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Chair, Capital City Board of Trustees