



THE NEWMAN SCHOOL

November 1, 2019

Dear Members of the school community and friends of the Newman School:

On behalf of the Newman Board of Trustees, it is our great pleasure to announce that on October 21 the Newman School Board of Trustees appointed Michael J. Schafer as the new Head of School, effective July 1, 2020. The Board's unanimous decision to select Michael followed the enthusiastic and unanimous recommendation of the Search Committee, which cited an excellent match of the criteria established by the Search Committee with Mr. Schafer's experience, skills and leadership style.

Michael brings an impressive level of educational leadership to Newman School, including a successful sixteen- year headship at Kimball Union Academy. At K.U.A. he strengthened the school academically, while dramatically improving enrollment and fund-raising. Mike also brings with him solid past experience at two leading Boston area independent schools. He served as Assistant Head of School at the Middlesex School and prior to that he taught and coached at Belmont Hill School. He holds a BA from Colby College and a Masters in Educational Administration from Harvard University.

As I alluded to in my letter to the Newman community accepting Mr Lynch's retirement plans, we will not be replacing Harry as our Head of School, we will selecting a new one." We have done so with an amazing choice.

The appointment of Michael Shafer concludes an exhaustive international search led by the Search Committee and Search Consultant, Dexter Morse. A ten-member Search Committee was made up of Newman trustees, faculty, alumni, and present and past parents. The Search Committee received thirty-seven final applications for the position, including eight past or present headmasters. On behalf of the Newman Board of Trustees, we would like to thank all those who worked so diligently in helping us successfully complete what is the most important charge of the Board, the selection of the School's next Head of School. Please join us in welcoming Michael and his wife, Gayle, to the Newman School and back to Boston.

Sincerely,

David MacLaughlin

Dr. David MacLaughlin
Chair of the Newman Board of Trustees
And Chair of the Head's Search Committee



247 Marlborough Street, Boston, MA 02116 617-267-4530
www.newmanboston.org