



January 25, 2023

Dear Stoneleigh-Burnham Community:

On behalf of the Stoneleigh-Burnham School Board of Trustees, I am thrilled to announce the appointment of Lauren (Laurie) Lambert as Stoneleigh-Burnham's next Head of School. She will succeed Stephanie Luebbers as Head of School on July 1, 2023.

Following an international search, we chose Laurie from an outstanding group of highly qualified candidates. Thanks to the dedication of our Search Committee and the invaluable feedback from our community of parents, faculty, staff, students, and alumnae, we identified the qualities most valued in our next Head of School. Laurie has the perfect blend of educational philosophy, commitment to 7 - 12 education, relevant professional experience, and leadership acumen to guide Stoneleigh-Burnham into the future.

"Laurie impressed the entire community with her spirit, expertise, and understanding of the Stoneleigh-Burnham mission. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the recommendation from the Search Committee, and we are excited to welcome her to Stoneleigh-Burnham as our next Head of School," stated Allison Porter '89, Search Committee Chair.

Laurie will bring over 30 years of experience as a teacher, administrator, and educational leader to her work at Stoneleigh-Burnham School. She earned a BA in English and History from Denison University and an MA in English from Middlebury College, after which she honed her craft in the classrooms of Blair Academy and the Taft School. Laurie's prior administrative roles include admissions and Dean of Students work at Montclair Kimberley Academy and leading the middle and upper schools as Assistant Head at Perkiomen School. She is currently the Head of School at The Winchendon School in Winchendon, MA. Laurie's expertise across departments within independent schools makes her a natural choice to lead the SBS community.



Laurie writes that “I am extremely honored to be named Head of School at Stoneleigh-Burnham School. I am excited to join this wonderful community of learners where girls are truly known and cared for. I wholeheartedly embrace the School’s mission and focus on girls’ voices and its clear vision for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Supporting students as they pursue lives of honor, respect, and intellectual curiosity resonates deeply with me as an educator. I look forward to the journey ahead as we build upon Stoneleigh-Burnham School’s extraordinary history.”

Stephanie Luebbers, Head of School, is confident that “Laurie is a tremendous educator and leader, and a very strong fit for SBS. I am excited about the future of the School under her leadership, and I look forward to working with her as she begins her transition to the Stoneleigh-Burnham community.”

The Board of Trustees is assembling a transition team to ensure that Laurie is fully prepared to step into her role as Head of Stoneleigh-Burnham School on July 1, 2023. As part of the transition plan, the School will provide several opportunities for members of our community to meet Laurie and welcome her to the community.

I want to thank the Head of School Search Committee for their commitment and hard work. I also want to thank the entire Stoneleigh-Burnham community for their engagement with the finalists and for providing their helpful feedback.

Please join us in welcoming Laurie to the Stoneleigh-Burnham community.

Dr. Mary Maloney '69
Chair, Board of Trustees