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It's hard to believe that spring is upon us, especially since there is still snow on campus. But with the new growth of spring showing signs in nature, so too are we seeing progress and excitement in the search for our new Head of School.

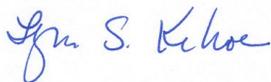
You may recall that candidates' application materials were due mid-February. We received a strong number of qualified applicants. Charlotte Rea and Bob Fricker of Carney Sandoe (the team hired by the Board to assist us with the search) are reviewing applications, interviewing, and doing initial reference checks as I write this update. Dossiers for qualified candidates will be distributed to the Search Committee by the end of this week. The Committee will then review the information to prepare for selection of semi-finalists in early April and for formal, on-campus interviews later in April. After that, the process will continue with more in-depth review, interviews, and further reference checking.

I will provide you with additional updates throughout the process, keeping in mind that candidates have been promised confidentiality unless they are invited to be finalists. All of our candidates have senior administrative roles in their own schools and all are ready and eager to lead Stoneleigh-Burnham into the next stage of its growth and evolution.

For the last stage of the process, we anticipate inviting two to three finalists to visit campus for two full days each in early May for extensive interviews with the community. A schedule will be configured so that Board members and a broad cross-section of our School community can participate in the finalists' visits. This is the time during which the community learns more about the finalists and the finalists come to know our School better. Confidential feedback will be solicited from everyone who meets the finalists. After these visits are concluded and reference calls completed, the Search Committee will select the candidate to recommend to the Board as the next Head of School.

We look forward to these next steps and to keeping you aware of our progress at this exciting time in the history of our wonderful School.

Most Sincerely,



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Search Committee Chair