

# PROSPECT SIERRA

Dear Prospect Sierra Community,

We are so grateful for Katherine's wonderful years at our school and will be working very hard over the next 18 months to find a new Head of School who will embrace our students, our community, and our mission with the same passion that Katherine has always shown. As we prepare for winter break, we wanted to provide you with an update on our search process so that you know what to expect in the coming months.

Ultimately, the responsibility for hiring a new Head of School lies with Prospect Sierra's Board of Trustees. The Board has created a Search Committee made up of Trustees and representatives from the faculty and staff. We believe this group represents a diversity of insight and a depth of knowledge about Prospect Sierra that will allow us to thoroughly evaluate candidates.

The Search Committee members are:

## **Trustees**

- Denise Yamamoto (Committee Chair, current parent)
- Charlie Casey (Board Chair, alum parent)
- Jenny Chatman (Current and alum parent)
- Leo Gaspardone (Founder, alum parent, and grandparent)
- Nathalio Gray (Current parent)
- Brian Greenberg (Current parent)
- Ruth Bissell (Former parent)
- Dana Tillson (Alum parent)

## **Faculty and Staff**

- Nathan Tanaka, 5th Grade Teacher and Avis Diversity & Inclusion Team Leader
- Renée Thompson, Director of Admissions & Outreach and alum parent

We will be engaging a search consultant to perform a national search and are confident that Prospect Sierra will attract excellent candidates. A critical part of the search is the input of you, the community. Together with the search consultant, we will be meeting and surveying our community to ensure that your voices are heard in the coming months. Please look out for announcements about how you may participate.

A general timeline for the search process is as follows:

- Winter 2017-18: Hire and begin working with search firm.
- Spring and Summer 2018: Review and interview initial candidates.
- Summer 2018: Narrow down candidates to finalists.
- September - October 2018: Finalists visit campuses.
- November - December 2018: Select new Head of School.
- July 1, 2019: New Head of School starts.

You can expect to hear from us again this winter once we've hired a search firm. Again, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions. You can email us at [headsearch@prospectsierra.org](mailto:headsearch@prospectsierra.org).

Sincerely,

Denise Yamamoto (Chair, Search Committee)  
Charlie Casey (Chair, Board of Trustees)