

PROSPECT SIERRA

Dear Prospect Sierra Families and Friends,

When I came to Prospect Sierra in 2007, I was drawn in by the school's mission and values, and was immediately taken by the warm and diverse community of people. The school already boasted an excellent reputation for its academic and service programs, and Prospect Sierra graduates were among the most prized students in local private and public high schools. As soon as I started working here, I knew that every day would be filled with joy, meaningful challenges, and a sense of purpose.

At the end of the 2018-2019, after 12 years, I will be leaving Prospect Sierra with much gratitude for every single day that I've spent as the head of this remarkable school. While a part of me can easily imagine spending many more years here at a place that is deeply embedded in my heart, I also know that change is good for any institution and its members.

It's been an incredible privilege to work with an exceptional senior leadership team, whose individual talents and collective strengths have provided strategic and inclusive vision for the school. The faculty and staff at Prospect Sierra are undoubtedly among the best in the world. Offering thoughtful, challenging, and integrated programs while caring for our students every day, they deserve my most sincere appreciation for their dedication, professionalism, and happiness to serve. The board has been unwavering in their support of me and the school, and it is their quiet and often unseen leadership that has allowed Prospect Sierra to thrive over its 35 year history.

And of course there are the students and families who have brought me a great deal of joy, gratitude, and inspiration over the years. Thank you to the countless parents for their tremendous contributions as volunteers and supporters. Without our current and alumni parents, we would not be the school we are today. As for the students, they are the reason I jump out of bed in the morning. I will forever carry with me the gift of being able to see them learn and grow in real time, and becoming amazing people out in the world.

Prospect Sierra is well poised to hire the next head of school to begin in July 2019. The board has already put together a task force to plan for the search, and will communicate regularly with updates about the process. Prospect Sierra is highly respected in the Bay Area and nationally as a leader in academic, social-emotional, and

green programs, with high staff retention and a vibrant community, putting us in an excellent position to hire the best leader for the next phase of the school's history.

On a personal note, I want to thank the community for your embrace of me as an individual—a single working mom who is trying to do her best, and who has benefited greatly from the compassion and support of everyone. I have been able to be my authentic self here. It's my profound honor to have spent the last decade at Prospect Sierra, and to envision the next phase of the school's history. I am grateful beyond words for your part in making the school what it is today. Over the next 19 months, I plan to continue doing what I love everyday and being fully committed to the meaningful work at Prospect Sierra. I am excited about celebrating all that we've accomplished together, and supporting the school in its bright future.

With love and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine". The script is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end of the word.

Katherine Dinh
Head of School