



March 6, 2018

Dear Longleaf Community,

The Board would like to provide an update on the Head of School search process which was initiated at the January 29th board meeting. After the January board meeting, a Search Committee was formed. The committee has 7 members - 2 Board Members (Chuck Hensey and Larry Williams), 3 Faculty Department Chairs (Margaret Chidwick, Laurie Cuffney and Grace Franklin), and 2 Parents from Longleaf School of the Arts Association (LSAA) (Brooklyn Winters and Michelle Armistead).

We received more than 40 applications for the position. The Committee completed the initial round of telephone interviews last week and identified the field of candidates for in-person interviews. The next step in the search process will be to conduct second round in-person interviews. From those interviews, the Search Committee will narrow the field to three finalists.

We plan to bring the final three candidates to the school in late March for final interviews. At that time, each candidate will give a presentation on how they plan to execute Longleaf's vision and mission. The Longleaf community is encouraged to attend these presentations. Once the finalists have been identified, we will confirm the date and time of this event. Following the public presentations, the Board will conduct final interviews with each candidate while faculty and staff have an opportunity to meet the candidates.

If you have any questions about the search process, please contact Sabrina Francis at francis@longleafschool.com.

Sincerely,
Longleaf School of the Arts Board of Directors

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