



New Hope Christian Academy

New Hope Family,

As you now know, Mr. Steiner communicated to the Board of Trustees on Tuesday morning that he would be stepping down from his role as Head of School in the summer of 2018. This news came as a surprise to the board, but we accept the decision Stephen made after carefully discerning God's plan for his life. After two decades of faithful service to New Hope in multiple capacities, including more than five years as Head of School, we owe Stephen a huge debt of gratitude for the contributions he has made to New Hope. Next summer he will leave this school in incredible shape – the school is fiscally sound, the facilities have never looked better, the Urban Farm and Forest are thriving, a fantastic team of admin, faculty and staff is in place, we have a strong program focused on teaching, learning, and discipleship, and the school is filled up with bright children with promising futures. But he's not at the finish line yet! It is the Board's hope that we can all rally around Stephen and do our part to make this a fantastic year in the history of New Hope. Let's send Stephen off on a wave of success.

It is the Board's job to ensure that we protect the culture and success of New Hope by hiring the right Head of School. Our mission of providing students with a challenging, intellectual and Christ-centered education will not change. The search to fill Stephen's large shoes will begin immediately. We are immensely proud of New Hope, and we are confident that this position will attract a talented pool of applicants. Please be in prayer that Godly leaders will emerge and that as a board we are able to discern a wise way forward. In the coming weeks, a job posting will be formalized with instructions for how to apply for the position. The Board strongly desires to hear input from the current faculty and staff as well as parents of New Hope students. We plan to facilitate a focus group at the school to gather such input. If you are interested in participating, please respond to me directly, and we will coordinate the details as best we can.

We look forward to a great year at New Hope. And for decades beyond, we look forward to carrying on the legacy that Stephen has played such a significant part in building.

J. Isaac Byrd

Chairman of the New Hope Christian Academy Board of Trustees

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