

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Mr. J. Isaac Byrd
Chairman, New Hope Christian Academy Board of Trustees
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Dear Isaac,

As we begin our twenty-second year, I could not agree more with the words of our school's founding headmaster, Stephen Carpenter- "a great ministry exists when Jesus Christ is the head, and New Hope Christian Academy is truly such a place." Over my nineteen years at the school, I have seen this to be consistently true.


Since March 2012, I have been blessed to carry the baton passed to me by Stephen and my predecessor, Trent Williamson, through helping to lead New Hope and advance teaching, learning, and discipleship at the school. Serving as the head of school is an immense responsibility and an even greater privilege- one that I have appreciated and never taken for granted.

God calls each of us to His work in many ways at different times and through various seasons. I have decided that, following the completion of the current school year on June 30, 2018, I will step away from serving as New Hope's head of school in order to continue to follow God's call on my life. By sharing this decision now, I hope to provide you and the Board of Trustees with ample time to find its next leader, one who can lead the school into its next season.

As I have shared increasingly in recent years, I believe the word 'love' to be overused and misunderstood in today's culture. Frankly, I try to reserve this word for my affections towards God and people. That being said, however, I stand confidently behind this statement- I love New Hope and always will.

Over the next ten months, I very much look forward to serving with you, the rest of the Board, and our dedicated team of teachers and staff to better position the school for even greater success in the years ahead.

In Christ,


Stephen Steiner
Head of School