



## Announcement from the Board of Trustees

October 19, 2018

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Dear Maple Street Community,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Maple Street School to announce that Mr. Hearon will be assuming the position of Head of School for Palm Beach Day Academy, grades Pre-K through 9, beginning July 1, 2019. It is with regret, as Fanning was beginning to dig more deeply into launching Maple Street School into the next 20 years, that we inform you of this opportunity that arose for him. Nonetheless, it makes us proud that we could provide the solid stepping stone to further his career. As he began in September intent upon reaching his goals for this academic year, Fanning promises to work fully and enthusiastically with our faculty and staff, and with the Board, to fulfill his responsibilities as Head of School through June 30, 2019. It is easy to see how much Fanning cares about our great little school.

That said, Maple Street is stronger than ever, having successfully celebrated our first 20 years this past June, with all founders and heads of school present, as well as our first June celebration with alumni attending. We raised a record \$92K at the year-end gala. \$50K was raised directly for the Outdoor Education initiative. The new trails, along the Battenkill River and Munson Brook, plus 200 solar panels, are in place providing outdoor classroom learning opportunities in our unique setting. Our endowment now exceeds \$1,000,000.00. Our enrollment is 110 fabulous students strong. Our steady, dedicated faculty and staff are our foundation. We have a clear vision of our future and the strong leader we seek. I am confident that person is waiting to be found.

We are happy to continue working through this year with Mr. Hearon. We are grateful for his contributions in such a short tenure with us. From introducing Spanish, to his dedication to working as a collaborative team, Fanning has brought a sincere sense of relaxed joy to learning at Maple Street. We certainly wish him the very best.

As our new head search takes shape in the next few weeks, we will let you know how you can help with this effort. Your being a part of this process is essential. And finally, I want to assure you that through this transition, this strong Board remains dedicated to provide the very best for your children and for the well-being of our entire Maple Street community.

Please, call me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerest regards,

**Amy Panitz**  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*  
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