

Notes from the Board

by Patrick Keppel, Hilltop Board Chair



It's been a real privilege for me to serve on the Hilltop Board of Trustees the last six years. Hilltop has transformed itself in so many exciting ways during this time, from the creation of our beautiful new campus to the formation of a marvelously effective administrative team. We feel fortunate to have such an outstanding Head of School and, at the vital core of the school, such a terrific faculty and staff. Together they work very hard to maintain and improve the quality of education at Hilltop and to create a welcoming learning environment for both students and parents.

As a parent who has had one child proceed all the way through Hilltop's programs from the Children's House through the Middle School, I have seen first hand what a remarkable education the children receive at Hilltop. They not only learn the basic skills they will need to be successful when they leave Hilltop, but also, even more importantly, they learn to love learning itself; they gain confidence in their own voices and in their abilities to challenge themselves in areas they would not typically pursue.

To me, this is the quality that sets Hilltop apart, and in our board retreat this July, we all spoke about how inspiring this environment is for us as well. This year the board will be outlining a new Strategic Plan based on the community input provided last year. This Plan will help guide our decisions about how the school will continue to grow over the next several years. We will need a lot of help as we move forward and hope you will consider volunteering your time and skills to the various committees that will help us envision our future. Feel free to contact me, Tamara, Amelia, or anyone at Hilltop, and we'll talk about ways you can lend your voice and expertise!

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