



April 9, 2025

Dear St. Michael's Students and Families, Faculty & Staff, Alumni & Friends,

After much reflection and with a grateful heart, I want to share that I will be concluding my tenure as Head of School at the end of the next academic year, in June 2026. Alison and I have decided to move our family to New England as Nate looks ahead to boarding school for grades 9-12, and our older two, both proud St. Michael's graduates, continue their college journeys back east. At this time in our lives, as difficult as it is to consider moving away from a community we have come to love, our wish is to be in closer proximity to one another as a family.

By the end of my time here, I will have had the honor of serving this extraordinary School and this community for eight years—years that have been among the most meaningful and fulfilling of my career. Leading St. Michael's has been a true privilege. Together, we have grown closer as a School community, strengthened our traditions, and thoughtfully articulated a vision for the future in our successful *Shine Like the Sun* Strategic Plan, "to excel in innovative teaching and learning in a community of wellness, belonging, and joy."

I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together as a community—trustees, faculty & staff, students, families, and alumni—each of you contributing to the vibrancy and strength of St. Michael's. During my time here, we've made tremendous strides in areas central to our long-term Vision. These achievements are not mine alone. They are the result of our tireless efforts and unwavering belief in what we can accomplish together—always for the good of our students and for their development in mind, body, and spirit.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our Board of Trustees for their steadfast guidance and commitment to the long-term strength and sustainability of the School. To Brother David Hedges, Rector of St. Michael and All Angels Church, for his partnership, guidance, and good counsel with me over the past seven years. To my administrative team, thank you for your leadership, vision, and tireless work behind the scenes to keep the School running smoothly and aligned with our Mission. To our faculty & staff, your passion, expertise, and care for our students have been the heart of our School's success, and I am forever grateful for your commitment to excellence. And to the Soaring Eagles Alliance (SEA) Parent Committee, thank you for creating an environment of support and engagement that has enriched the St. Michael's experience for all families.

I look forward to making the 2025-2026 academic year the best year ever for St. Michael's School. I will remain fully engaged and committed over the next 15 months, continuing to partner closely with Ian Milliken, our Board of Trustees, and the School community to ensure a smooth and seamless transition for the next Head of School. I am very pleased to know that our Board has secured the services of a nationally recognized search firm to lead and manage this transition. Ian Milliken's accompanying letter refers in summary form to the scope and timeline for the process, to be led by The Education Group.

There will be time ahead for goodbyes and reflections, but for now, I want to express my deep gratitude to each of you, all of you. Thank you for the trust, collaboration, and joy we've shared. I look forward to all that we will continue to accomplish in the months ahead—and I remain as confident as ever in the strength and promise of St. Michael's.

With warmth and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brendan J. Sullivan".

Brendan J. Sullivan
Head of School