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Mr. Eric Ebbert  
President of the Board of Trustees  
Forman School  
Litchfield, CT 06759

Dear Eric,

I consider myself incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to lead Forman School over the past 15 years. Forman is a truly remarkable school, one that transforms the lives of students who learn differently, and it is a place that I will always love. Thus, it is with bittersweet feelings that I let you know that the academic year of 2023-2024 will be my last at Forman.

It was the strong mission and wonderful student body that first drew me to Forman. I remember how impressed I was by the school and how excited I was by the possibility of joining the community during my first visit to the campus in 2007. Since 1930, Forman has been a leader in the field of learning differences and a pioneer in innovative teaching, and it has been a joy to be part of this learning community. Forman's students and alumni are a testament to the strength of the school's programs and the quality of the teachers. I have cherished the opportunity to get to know so many of these wonderful students, past and present, and I will miss the daily conversations, athletic competitions, theatrical performances, and general opportunity to spend time with such an engaging and thoughtful group of individuals.

During my time at Forman, I have had the opportunity to work with many terrific members of the Board, dedicated administrators, and talented teachers. Working together, we have been able to grow the student body; expand the campus; build new spaces, including the Science Center and the Visual and Performing Arts Center; renovate and expand a dozen buildings, including the Malcolm G. Chace Student Center; raise historic financial support; and strengthen the diverse programs. At the school's last accreditation, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges commended Forman for achieving a level of success that was likely the highest point in the school's history. I am very proud of the collective work we have been able to accomplish over the last 15 years.

The great strength of a boarding school is the faculty who work tirelessly, in and out of the classroom, to provide students with the very best educational experience. Forman's faculty are unique in their dedication and desire to continually improve their craft. Year after year, our graduating seniors remark that the thing they will miss most is the incredible relationships with their teachers. The level of care and mentorship our faculty provide is unparalleled, and I believe one of the greatest accomplishments during my tenure was the addition of 25 additional faculty homes and the overall increase in faculty compensation. These changes improve the quality of life for our hard-working faculty, and I wish to thank all the individuals whose generosity made this possible.

Beth and I have had the privilege of raising our family on Forman's campus. Our son, Samuel, is a graduate of Forman, and for that, we will always be grateful. We have loved living on the campus and in the town of Litchfield. Being immersed in the life of a school, 24 hours a day, is something Beth and I have greatly valued. Life at a boarding school can occasionally be exhausting, but the rewards are immeasurable. The tight-knit community at Forman is an especially strong and vibrant one, and we will always appreciate the connections and experiences we have had here.

When I arrived at Forman in 2008, I shared my hopes and aspirations for the Forman of the future. Working with the Board of Trustees, these were crafted into a set of goals, ambitious in scope, and aimed to position the school for continued success. I reflected on those goals recently and was gratified to see all that had been achieved. This confirmed my sense that it was time for the next phase of my life, confident that I had accomplished what I had set out to do. The Forman of today is in excellent shape, ready for the next stage in its history as it heads toward its centennial. I am also looking forward to my own next adventure, excited about new challenges and experiences.



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As I conclude my tenure at Forman, it is my goal to finish on a high note, and I hope to complete the work and support for a new Cognition and Learning Center and athletic turf field over the next 18 months. Know that I will always be a great supporter and champion of Forman, willing to help whenever needed.

Best,

Adam K. Man P'15  
Head of School