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Dear MCDS Community,

When I came to MCDS in 2004, I was in awe of the people I met during the search process. It was a community where each interaction reflected caring and respect, and where students and teachers engaged in learning with deep passion. Of course, I also admired the natural beauty of the indoor-outdoor campus, but at the core of my first impressions were the warm people. I remember asking myself how I could be so lucky to be part of such a wonderful community.

In June 2018, fourteen years after coming, I will retire as Head of School. Although I am retiring from a full-time career, I will continue to be an advisor and a consultant to educational institutions. But most importantly, I will also have time to be a devoted grandmother.

It's been my privilege to work with so many dedicated and talented people over the past fourteen years. Faculty, staff, administrative team members, trustees and parents have all committed so much time and talent to making MCDS the special place that it is.

My career as an educator has spanned 50 years in university settings as well as in two independent schools and two public systems. My work at MCDS has been one of the major highlights. We have celebrated our 50th and 60th anniversaries together, have completed two strategic plans, and have creatively evolved our curricula, programs and campus. Through all of this, our philosophy of education has remained a blend of traditional and progressive approaches.

I want to assure you that MCDS is well positioned to attract a highly qualified and dynamic new leader – one who will move the community to the next stage of growth. The board is committed to finding someone who has both a bold vision and who will keep children at the center of all decisions.

Over the next 16 months of transition, we will have an opportunity to both celebrate what we have accomplished and to participate in envisioning the new future. Thank you to the entire Marin Country Day School community for giving me this very important opportunity to grow as an educator. Together we have partnered in making MCDS what it is today – a vibrant and healthy school with moving purpose.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Lucinda Lee Katz
Head of School