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Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, and Friends,

As we enter our 18<sup>th</sup> year as part of this amazing community, Laurel and I have decided that the time is right to pursue a new opportunity. I let the Board know that I have accepted the position of Head of School at the International School of Denver beginning July 2018. We are as excited about what lies ahead as we are thankful for what has come before.

As Laurel and I look to the future and our wonderful next step, we are both a bit daunted by the passage of time. It seems like yesterday, just moving to Boise, that I volunteered on building the deck of the then new modulars. That was during the summer of 2000, before my son's first grade year. Despite the school's "physical" shortcomings, the faculty is what has always mattered to us. And now, here we are embracing a new adventure after having celebrated both of our children's Riverstone graduations in 2012 and 2016. It seems like a dream.

How do I thank a community that has helped to raise and inspire my children? How do I thank a community that has allowed me to be a part of the lives of so many wonderful students? How do I thank a community for allowing me to serve a school that means so much to my family and me? I honestly don't know, but I do know that you will always be a part of who we are individually and as a family.

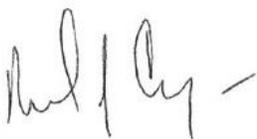
I have been honored to serve for three wonderful Board of Trustee Chairs who have always given me guidance, wisdom, and support. Thank you to Kurt Liebich, Jerry Sturgill and Mark Liebich and also to Vice Chairs Mort Hardwick and Juan Carlos Duque. My school leadership team is dedicated, smart, and has been a pleasure to work with. The faculty is outstanding. Thanks to all of you, I leave Riverstone in our strongest position ever; it will thrive for years to come. What we have accomplished here is truly amazing; the Board, parents, teachers, and staff have worked tirelessly to build one of the finest schools in the country by any measure.

During this school year, I will do everything possible to ensure that the transition to the next Head of School is smooth and positive; he or she must enter the position with the opportunity to steward the school on our mission driven path. Here is where I ask for your help; please stay generous in both spirit and philanthropy throughout this year as the support and participation of the school community will allow Riverstone to attract top talent in its search for a new Head of School. Please show the next Head the same kindness that was shown to me.

Finally, and most importantly for me, I want to thank our students and graduates. Our time together has been the great joy of my life and you have inspired me beyond words. As I have told you all, "once in the fold, always in the fold," and regardless of my location that will always be true. You have a special place in my heart and always will.

Once again, thanks for a great run. Go Otters!

Sincerely,



Bob Carignan  
Head of School