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September 16, 2026

Dear Village School Trustees,

I am writing to formally announce my plan to conclude my tenure as Head of School at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. It is after much reflection, and with a mix of emotions, that I have made this decision. It may seem unusual that I am sharing this news so early in the year, but it is important to me to help position the school to find a new Head of School for July 2027.

The Village School has meant so much to me over these 10-plus years. I have given much and learned even more. Each and every day brings a new challenge and adventure. I have been fueled by the students' smiles and the lightbulb moments. I am proud of all this school has accomplished during my tenure, especially when it comes to the students. In my time, our wonderful little school will have seen about 170 students graduate. This includes my three children, one of whom was a "lifer" and attended the Village School for 9 years. Our school community helped shape who they are, and watching them grow up here was a gift!

When I arrived with my family in 2016, this school already had a long history of serving the region. The Village School was just the next iteration, an independent school with a mission dedicated to serving the public good and always keeping "children at the heart of all we do." I have been able to live and breathe this mission and have been empowered by it. Our school serves as a touchpoint for the community spanning multiple generations. We have created an educational experience where every student is known, valued, and feels a strong sense of belonging, while providing meaningful opportunities that broaden their horizons and inspire them to discover their potential.

For this school year, my priority will remain leading our school and supporting its continued success through the transition to a new Head of School. I plan to do everything I can to aid in the transition process. I also look forward to all the learning, growth, and bright spots ahead in this school year.

When the year wraps up, I plan to take some time to consider my next steps and focus on my family. We love this community and will continue to call it home. Next year, our girls will be seniors in high school, and I want to squeeze out all the time we have together in our last year under the same roof.

I am profoundly thankful for the Village School, the Board of Trustees, the extended North Bennington community, and the incredibly dedicated educators I have had the privilege to work alongside. I have grown as a person, parent, and professional. I will be forever grateful to share in this school's legacy.

With unending gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.



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September 18, 2026

Dear Village School Community,

As Tim has shared, he will conclude his tenure as Head of School at the end of this academic year. The Board of Trustees is deeply grateful for Tim's more than a decade of dedicated leadership and for the drive, energy, and commitment he has brought to the Village School. His leadership has helped ensure that our school remains a place where children have access to unique and diverse opportunities and experiences, and we are sincerely grateful for all he has done for our community.

On behalf of the Board, I am writing to acknowledge this transition and to share how we are approaching the next chapter for the Village School. The Board has begun planning for a thoughtful and well-supported leadership transition, and we have engaged an experienced search consultant to guide us through a comprehensive process. There will be opportunities for community input along the way, and we are committed to keeping families, faculty, and staff informed as the process unfolds. Your perspectives are an important part of this process, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

The Village School is well positioned for this transition. Our mission is strong, our community is deeply connected to the school, and our commitment to competence, kindness, and excellence remains unwavering.

We will share more information as the process moves forward. In the meantime, we are grateful for the continued support and engagement of our entire Village School community.

Thank you for your continued support of VSNB and for joining us in celebrating Tim's exceptional contribution to our school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Maguire".