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Dear dTHS Community,

About a year ago, we announced that the Board of Directors had undertaken a search for a new Head of School to succeed Dr. Powell when he steps down at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

We engaged CalWest Educators Placement, an experienced and knowledgeable search firm, to work with the Head of School Search Committee of the Board. In the fall of 2016, we conducted focus groups with various school constituents to focus on the qualities we were looking for in the future Head of School. A description of the position and our school was developed and distributed widely in educational circles. We received interest from educators around the country and as far away as Israel.

We are delighted to announce that at the end of that process, the search has been narrowed to two outstanding candidates. Now we want you to have the opportunity to meet them and provide your feedback.

The two candidates are Mr. Mark H. Shpall, one of the founding faculty members of our school, and Dr. Jon Mitzmacher, a Jewish educator who is currently leading a national project on educational innovation in Jewish schools. Although there is much more to consider with both candidates that can be put on paper, a short introductory statement from each of them is attached.

Because the Board of Directors values and welcomes input from all school constituents, each candidate will be on campus for a two-day experience where they will have the opportunity to meet with different groups and engage in a dialogue with all constituents. After each meeting, attendees will be invited to offer their thoughts via an anonymous, confidential online survey that will be managed by our search consultants. The feedback will be shared, without attribution, with the Board's search committee.

The school office will communicate with you separately about the exact scheduling of these meetings.

We are all excited about the future of our school, and we appreciate your taking the time to participate in this important process.

Sincerely,

Marcia Weiner Mankoff and Scott Zimmerman
Co-chairs, Head of School Search Committee,
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Dr. Bruce Powell
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