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Dear dTHS Community,

They say that all good things come to an end, but in the case of de Toledo High School, it seems that the opposite is true. We just keep moving upward. Fourteen years ago, we started as "New Community Jewish High School" which became fondly known as "New Jew" – a school which became synonymous with a culture of values education. We proudly aspired, and succeeded, to implement not just outstanding scholastics, but an environment for the cultivation of "A+ human beings."

Dr. Bruce Powell
Head of School

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Inspired by the school, its values, and the positive impact it has had on its students, a group of committed donors, led by the family of Alyce and Phil de Toledo, stepped forward to assure our future. We acquired a permanent home, and this past year we renamed our school. A new name, but with the same "New Jew" values and culture.

In the coming years, we will face another transition and new stage in the evolution of de Toledo High School.

With a mixture of pride, joy, and profound confidence in the future success of our school, this note is to share with you that on June 30, 2018, at the close of the 2017-18 school year, and after the completion of "Chai" (18) years at the helm of this school's venture, Dr. Bruce Powell will be stepping down as founding Head of School.

In collaboration with Dr. Powell, the Board of Directors has been contemplating this eventuality for some time. Dr. Powell has had a brilliant career spanning more than four decades as an educator and administrator. While he is stepping down from all positions at dTHS, he plans to continue his involvement in the promotion of Jewish education.

Although the transition to a new Head of School will not occur until the passage of two more school years, the Board of Directors has already begun a process that will lead to the selection of a new Head of School, with the goal of ensuring that the future leadership of dTHS will be both accomplished and capable of perpetuating the unique culture and character of our school.

The Board of Directors of dTHS has formed a search committee that will undertake a national, and even international, search commencing in the Fall of 2016. The Board has already engaged CalWest Educators Placement, an experienced and knowledgeable firm, to serve as consultants as we embark on this important mission. We will share more details about the search and the participation and input we seek from you and our school community in the Fall.

We look forward to a wonderful completion of the 2015-16 school year, and to the next two years of supporting de Toledo High School's vision, enhancing its unique culture, and providing an outstanding education for all of our students.

B'shalom,

Jeff Levine
President, Board of Directors

Dr. Bruce Powell
Head of School