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Dear Montcrest Parents,

You should all have received a letter a short while ago from Don Durno, our Board Chair, announcing my retirement after the 2018-2019 school year.

There are certain times when it feels like there is a natural conclusion to a chapter. Seeing the culmination of our \$11 million *Building Together* project within reach and our transformational facility embraced by students and faculty, such is the time. With our new facility fully operational by the end of 2018, the campaign well on its way, and a new Strategic Plan in place, I believe this is an opportune time for the school to seek a new Head of School to take Montcrest to its next chapter.

Through my over 50-year association with independent schools as a student, teacher, administrator, and governor I have had the privilege and am grateful to have learned, been guided and worked with so many dedicated individuals all in the best interests of the students. Though the challenges of guiding young people have become more complex, the commitment of teachers, governors and parents in supporting them is even more profound. I feel honoured to have served in this community.

Ending my career at Montcrest will be very special for me. I have been a part of the Montcrest community since 2007, as a parent and a Governor before becoming Head. My connections with so many of you will represent some of my fondest memories here. As Head of School I know that so much of what we have accomplished in recent years could not have happened without your support and commitment, and that of our vibrant MPA.

Over the next 14 months I will be working closely with the Board of Governors, faculty, and staff to ensure a seamless transition for the new Head of School. I am confident in the School's focus on student-centred learning in a caring and nurturing environment. With our dedicated faculty working collaboratively with parents and under the guidance of our Board of Governors, Montcrest's aspirational vision of being recognized as the leading elementary school community in Canada in realizing the unique potential of each child is becoming closer.

I shall cherish my time at Montcrest and I look forward to the months ahead.

Sincerely,

David Thompson  
Head of School