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Dear Oak Hill Academy "Family" and Friends,

We are so proud to be celebrating thirty years of serving hundreds of wonderful students with learning differences. Our gifted, dedicated teachers have guided children to achieve so many successes over the years and tap into potential others haven't recognized.

Oak Hill has always been innovative in meeting the needs of its students. We long ago saw the importance of addressing speech and language development and sensory integration while implementing multisensory, research-based teaching methodology. We have continued to highly value the enrichment of each child through technology, art, athletics, music, drama, and social skills.

We started in 1987 with preschool and elementary classes but soon wanted to reach more children. We then expanded to include early childhood and middle school classes. After moving to our new campus in 2002, we had the strong parent interest and the facilities to be able to add our high school program within a few years. Since that expansion, we have been helping our older students strengthen their academic skills to prepare for college coursework, their pragmatic skills to prepare for employment and independence, and their interpersonal skills to prepare for life. Now we ask this same question as before, "Is this enough?"

With the strength of Oak Hill Academy so solidly in place, I am now thinking to the future to how best support young adults in our community as they transition from high school to college and/or careers. Educators work so hard to help students from elementary school to middle school to high school; but then these young adults are often expected to fly on their own. Many students are able to, but many are not quite ready. I would like to develop a program to address this important need, and I am very excited to explore the initial stages of this endeavor.

Change is not a bad thing; in fact, it's a very healthy thing, as long as it is very carefully planned and orchestrated. So here's the plan ... for the 2017 - 2018 school year, I will continue in my role as Executive Director but will work very closely with Brit Smart as he moves into the role of Associate Director. Mr. Smart will continue to also oversee the Lower School with Paul Lichnerowicz's (Mr. L.'s) assistance. Anne Acton will certainly remain Oak Hill's Assistant Director and Head of Middle School, and Joya Jacob will continue to honor us as Head of Upper School.

Our incredibly strong Administration Team will actually just hum along "business as usual" this coming year as I share many of my duties with Mr. Smart and prepare to step down from my Executive Directorship prior to the 2018 - 2019 school year. At that time, I will have the best of both worlds in that I will be able to devote my attention to the new Transition Center while remaining connected to my Oak Hill family. We will happily share details with you throughout the coming year, as they become available.

So, it's all good. In fact, it is great! Oak Hill Academy is going to continue to be the dynamic, amazing school it is today; and there's going to be something better out there for many young adults in the near future.

Enjoy this Summer of 2017, and I look forward to seeing you in August as we begin our next great school year!

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam".

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