## 2022-2023

Annual Report

of Giving



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### A Note from the Head of School

Dear Walden School Community,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support that has fueled the success and growth of our school community. It is with immense pleasure that we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to the vision of The Walden School.

The past year's journey has been marked by achievements, challenges, and, above all, the strength that comes from unity. We are "OneWalden" and the collaborative and shared spirit demonstrated by our students, parents, teachers, staff, and all stakeholders has truly shaped the vibrant tapestry of Walden. Your support has fostered a positive and nurturing learning environment, ensuring that our students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our school's achievements are not merely a testament to the dedication of the faculty and staff but also a reflection of the collective effort of our entire community. From volunteering at events to cheering on our students in their endeavors, each act of support has contributed to the rich tapestry of success that defines Walden.

In the coming year, we are excited about the opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and further development of our programs. Together, we have achieved great things and will continue to shape a bright and inspiring future. We are OneWalden!

In Friendship,

Bob "Coach" Thomas



# From the Board of Trustees

Dear Friends of The Walden School,

The 2022-23 school year marked a historic turning point for Walden. We bid farewell to several long-time faculty and administrators while welcoming new members, including Bob "Coach" Thomas, our 4th Head of School.

Coach Bob and our faculty navigated challenges as the world emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, making tough but necessary decisions for Walden's long-term success. The Board of Trustees and I thank our teachers, our staff, our parents, and our students for keeping Walden safe and open for in-person learning throughout COVID. Keeping Walden open and in-person allowed all of us to minimize the learning and social deficits that many other children experienced in the landscape of virtual learning.

The year also brought many new students and families to Walden, enriching and growing our community. We are grateful for all of our dedicated parents who volunteer their time and skills (and funds) to enhance Walden. Thank you for choosing Walden to educate your children.

Lastly, I want to thank our generous donors. Walden relies on our donors to bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost of education. This support is vital for faculty salary and retention, scholarships and tuition assistance, ensuring that every student can benefit from a Walden education regardless of financial means. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. We are excited for what the future holds for Walden.

Sincerely,

Daniel Neubert '00 President & Chair of the Board of Trustees The Walden School



# Mission & Philosophy

#### Mission

The Walden School ignites intellectual curiosity and fosters independence in a peaceful, respectful culture.

#### Philosophy

The Walden School's Montessori based philosophy ensures that all children are successful. Children are led to discover their innate ability to learn, thus building independence, self-confidence, and inner discipline. The Walden School believes in the principles of promoting acceptance and inclusivity, embracing diversity, and inspiring human progress toward peace and harmony.

The Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten is most comprehensively described as freedom in a prepared environment. Following the principles of order, beauty, and simplicity, this environment is prepared with materials designed by Maria Montessori to accommodate each developmental stage. Children learn according to their own periods of interest and readiness. While there is respect for the child's individualism, the environment in which he operates is well structured, providing opportunities for active learning, development of self-discipline, building of self-confidence, and responsible social behavior.

The Walden School's elementary and middle school embraces a guiding philosophy that blends Montessori values with 21st century skills. Students in the elementary and middle school program at Walden are active participants in their learning as teachers consistently create and re-create to individualize instruction in a responsive and respectful classroom community. Children move naturally between independence and inter-dependence as needed and are consistently challenged to achieve their best. Active participation in the community prepares students to participate as critically thinking and caring citizens of the ever-changing world.

The guiding principles of collaboration and peaceful conflict resolution ready Walden students to be leaders in the 21st century. Teaching and learning at Walden is joyful and engaging. Students who graduate are confident, responsible, and love learning.

## Summary of Giving All Gifts to The Walden School



### Annual Giving 2022-2023, Bid, Sip & Celebrate 2023, & Other Gifts

Walden thanks the following donors who made contributions to the School between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 to support the many areas of Walden life. We want to especially thank those who support Walden's Annual Fund, which covers the cost of critical operations in a given school year like faculty salaries and professional development, facility maintenance, and student scholarships. We are grateful for your spirited support- you keep Walden strong!

GIFTS TO Walden **2022-2023** 

Mary LeFever's Circle
\$5,000+

Jim Epperson (\*\*)
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Daniel Neubert (\*\*)
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The 1967 Club \$2,500 - \$4,999

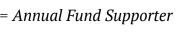
Michael & Alicia Ferry ♥ ∏
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The Walden Pond \$2,499 - \$1,000

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#### "Children's House" \$500 - \$999

Juan & Nicole Almonte 🕲 🎮 Drew & Emily Bonfiglio

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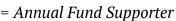
Carly & Noah Tolson @

Cindy Wister 🧖











#### Annual Giving 2022-2023, Bid, Sip & Celebrate 2023, & Other Gifts con't

#### The Peace Table <\$100

Robin & Russ Bonfiglio 🎘

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Stephania and Dwayne Dottin

Carol Ann & Charles Dougherty ®

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Clifton Hood @

Jenny Huang & Eric Howard

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