



# The Walden School

Dear Walden Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I reach out to you on this last day of the 2021-2022 school year as I retire as Head of School from The Walden School; my work here has been a cherished part of my life for over 35 years. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the many kind words and sentiments I have received as my days at Walden have been winding down.

My time as Head of School has had many joyful moments; I cannot think of a day spent not in awe of the work that I have seen done by children and with children. Enjoying the beautiful Spring Concert with all students, congratulating the Elementary and Middle School students on their greatest accomplishments, and celebrating the Class of 2022 as they shared their joyful Walden journeys, are some of the most recent and fondest memories I will carry with me always. Sharing moments like these, much of them alongside my mentor and Walden's Founder, Mary LeFever, is a particular honor I find difficult to put into words.

I know that none of what I have experienced over the last 12 years as Head of School would have been possible if I had not been surrounded by the support of an extraordinary administrative team, devoted faculty, dedicated trustees, and engaged families who believed in Walden's mission and unique learning environment. I am so grateful for a professional community of colleagues whose vocation has served Walden for years, as well as the enthusiastic, energetic teachers who have joined us more recently!

The Walden School has and will always be considered a major blessing in my life; I will miss my work here and the extraordinary school community I have shared it with!

With fondness and deep appreciation for all,

Mary