

## **Gateway's Head of School Search: Updates, the Faculty Advisory Committee, & Dedicated Webpage**

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Dear Gateway Community,

Thank you for your participation last month in the initial and crucial phase of our Head of School search. Your engagement was invaluable as John Farber of RG175 met with various members of our Gateway community, and we received thoughtful and insightful feedback through the comprehensive survey many of you completed. This input has been instrumental in enabling the search firm to develop a robust and compelling position statement that articulates the goals and unique opportunities for Gateway's next Head of School. We encourage you to review the full statement, which can be [found here](#).

Over the past few weeks, RG175 has been diligently gathering a strong pool of resumes from highly qualified candidates. This process will continue over the coming months and your continued involvement remains vital. If you are aware of exceptional leaders whose experience and vision align with the qualities outlined in the position statement, I welcome you to put forward their names by emailing the Head of School Search Committee directly at [headsearch@gatewayschool.org](mailto:headsearch@gatewayschool.org). Your personal recommendations can significantly broaden our reach and help us identify truly outstanding individuals.

I am also pleased to announce the formation of our dedicated Faculty Advisory Committee, comprised of esteemed members of Gateway's faculty and staff. This committee will play a vital role in assisting both the Head of School Search Committee and RG175 throughout this important process, providing invaluable insights.

Faculty Advisory Committee:

- John Banta, Grandstand Teacher
- Christy M. Brockhausen, Ph.D., Assistant Head of School and Director of Lower School
- Tanya Ehrlich, Director of Placement
- Heather Ironside, Director of Admissions
- Julie Nguyen, Director of Middle School
- Valerie Rafal, Director of Mathematics
- Maureen Ryan, Chief Financial and Operating Officer
- Joseph Sonenshein, Head Teacher

Finally, to ensure transparent and consistent communication, we have created a dedicated section on Gateway's website where you will find all the information and



regular updates regarding the Head of School search. This will serve as your central resource for the pertinent details, updates, and opportunities for further engagement. Please visit our Head of School search page, [linked here](#), to stay informed.

We are deeply committed to a thorough and inclusive search process that will identify an exceptional leader to guide Gateway into its next chapter. Thank you once again for your continued support and engagement.

Sincerely,

Chris York  
Chair, Search Committee  
Member, Board of Trustees