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October 30, 2017

Dear Community Swimmers,

Lab School's Board of Trustees met late last week and took up the question of the next phase of our Reservoir campus transformation to improve Labs arts facilities and renovate the middle school. After careful consideration of the feasible options and much internal discussion and analysis, including input from an advisory group of parents, staff, trustees, and a community member, the Board made the difficult decision to go forward with the next phase – to design a new, modern theater that will be located in the existing space on campus now occupied by the pool.

The Board is mindful that there are some in the community who will be disappointed by this decision. We have spent months reviewing the concerns raised, working with our architects, and considering other options. We agree that it is unfortunate that the limited space on campus does not allow for both a pool and a theatre that serves the Lab School's mission. We wish it were otherwise. The Board's decisions must be driven by the school's mission and the needs of our students. We believe that, as an arts-based institution whose students learn through experience, we must provide an up-to-date theater and arts facilities.

We originally thought that in preparation for construction we would have to close the pool in March 2018. We are pleased that we will be able to extend that pool closure time and will commit to keeping the pool open this spring and through summer school of 2018. We recognize that a number of our students have benefitted from participating on the swim team, and we are working to secure a suitable location for the team.

We have enjoyed being able to share our pool with the community and regret that this specific connection will end. We will continue to be good neighbors in other ways. Please feel free to contact either of us if you'd like to talk further.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Katherine'.

Katherine Schantz  
Head of School

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William J. Tennis  
Chair of the Board of Trustees