

Dear GreenMount Community,

It is with immense enthusiasm and gratitude that I express my deep honor in being selected as the next Head of School. I am thrilled to become a part of the GreenMount community and to build upon the school's outstanding foundation. From the moment I stepped foot in the school and had the privilege of meeting the students and faculty, I could feel the palpable sense of community permeating every corner of the building. Students greeted me warmly, adults extended their support, and kindness radiated throughout every interaction. The interview process felt less like questions and answers and more like a conversation among old friends.

The commitment to advancing educational opportunities for young students has been a consistent theme throughout my career in education. I am eager to continue fostering this commitment at GreenMount. My journey began at Browne Academy, a coeducational preschool-8th grade school in Northern Virginia. I am excited to build upon the remarkable accomplishments of Ms. Liz Dover and her ten years of exemplary leadership. Moreover, I am encouraged by the equity and inclusion initiatives GreenMount has undertaken in recent years, evident in the school's strategic plan. Such endeavors are indispensable for nurturing strong and inclusive communities.

From the Board to the teachers, parents, administrative team, and, above all, the students, I was profoundly impressed by the sense of unity and genuine dedication to GreenMount. I eagerly anticipate collaborating with each and every one of you on the significant tasks that lie ahead. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Search Committee for their diligent efforts throughout the selection process and for extending this incredible opportunity to lead the school. Their unwavering passion for GreenMount was apparent from the outset, and their investment of time and attention solidified my conviction that GreenMount is the perfect school home for me.

It is abundantly clear to me that the pride in this school is as vibrant as ever, and there is a great deal of optimism regarding its bright future. I look forward to embarking on this important journey alongside the entire GreenMount community upon my arrival in July 2024.

Warmest regards,

Bonita L. Lea