



Dear Topeka Collegiate Families,

At the most recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, I shared my intention to step down as Head of School at the conclusion of the 2025–2026 academic year.

Though this transition is still over a year away, I wanted to give the Board ample time to conduct a thoughtful and thorough search for the next Head of School and to ensure a smooth and well-planned transition. Over the coming weeks, the Board, under the leadership of Vice President Bridget Elmer (Mina-3rd; Henry-1st), will be sharing details with you about the process ahead.

Serving as Head of School at Topeka Collegiate for the past nine years has been an incredible privilege. I've been fortunate to work alongside dedicated colleagues, engaged students, and families who care deeply about education. I'm proud of all we've accomplished together, and it has been a joy to be part of a community so committed to its mission.

After nearly a decade of service to Topeka Collegiate, I've made the decision to step away for personal reasons. Our youngest son, Brett, will graduate from high school and begin college this fall. Our oldest son, Andrew, is moving to Wichita this summer to start with Equity Bank, having completed his MBA. These are meaningful milestones for our family, and my husband and I will soon be entering a new chapter as empty nesters.

I'm also very close to my sister's children, all of whom live in the Overland Park area and are now starting families of their own. Their mother—my sister—passed away some years ago, and I feel a strong pull to be closer to them during this important season of life. I'm looking forward to being more present as both an aunt and a supportive figure as they raise their children. With that in mind, we plan to relocate to Overland Park in the summer of 2026.

While I don't yet know what my next professional step will be, I will leave Topeka Collegiate with deep appreciation and admiration for this community. These years have shaped me as a leader and as a person in ways I could never have anticipated. The experience has been deeply meaningful, and the relationships, growth, and lessons I've gained here will remain with me.

Please know that my commitment to the school remains strong. I am fully engaged in the work ahead, including our final few weeks of this school year, Summer Blast 2025 and what I know will be a great 2025–2026 school year.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
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