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Hello Topeka Collegiate Family,

What a fantastic time to be a part of the Topeka Collegiate community! At our 40th anniversary celebration weekend, we had the pleasure revealing the architectural designs that will improve our learning environment and comfort for faculty, students, and parents. I guarantee to all of you that the Board of Trustees is working diligently on your behalf to ensure we continue the academic excellence you've come to expect from Topeka Collegiate.

As we look forward to the remainder of the school year, we continue to be focused on a strategic plan that will enable us to prosper now and for many future families for years to come. I encourage all of you to remain engaged with our wonderful faculty and passionate about the educational benefits Collegiate provides.

I am honored to be part of the Collegiate family and enjoy having all of you on the journey.

Sincerely,

Kent Lammers

Board of Trustees, President

About our Board of Trustees:

Topeka Collegiate is a 501(c)(3), governed by a Board of Trustees, and managed by a Head of School. The Board of Trustees is a volunteer group of 15-22 people. The Board has ultimate responsibility for the school. It does so by raising funds, managing budgets, serving as the legally accountable body for Topeka Collegiate, appointing a Head of School and setting general school policy. No Board member receives compensation for their participation. Board members should not involve themselves with the normal daily operation of the school except through the operation of duly appointed committees. The Board does not hear complaints, sit as a court of appeals, or overturn the Head's decisions. They do, however, determine the essential nature of the school, its academic emphasis, style of relations with the public, and the methods of self-evaluation to determine effectiveness. Please check out our [website](#) and the link to the [NAIS Best Practices](#) for Board of Trustees.