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Dear Bay Farm Community,

It is with myriad emotions and hopes that I write to inform you that the present academic year, 2015 – 2016, will be my last as Head of School at Bay Farm Montessori Academy. Both professionally and personally, these years have been the best of my life.

I started at Bay Farm in July of 2007. At that time, the campus might have been described as “rustic.” Some likened it to a fishing village. For those of you who remember, the Children’s House was housed in a barn, the parking lot was unpaved, scrub trees dominated the landscape and our programming ended at sixth grade.

Nine years later, we now have a beautiful Children’s House, an endowment, and a middle school. The Great Room is more beautiful and more functional. We have a social network presence. And, all told, we have raised more than four million dollars. We have been through re-accreditation and re-licensing. We have overhauled the administrative structure and put into place sensible teacher evaluation and professional development programs. And, we have done much more...

Where I write “we,” I mean “we.” Not one of these things was done by one person. My tenure has been infused with spectacular people without whom Bay Farm’s best interests could not have been served. From the Board of Trustees, to the administrative staff, to the teachers, the parents, the students and community supporters, this work got done. When they say, “It takes a village to raise a child,” maybe it’s our village to which they refer.

Obviously, the work is not done. Bay Farm Montessori Academy’s best days lie ahead. There is a strategic plan as well as a campus plan. There are enrollment goals and financial benchmarks. Bay Farm’s next Head of School will look at the work that “we” have done and will say, “How do we take this to the next level?” And, the work will continue... in the best interests of the children and the future.

Significantly, it is not an overstatement to say that Bay Farm has helped me to raise my children. Thalia has lived her entire life on this campus. Zayus and Kaya have little memory of their lives previous to Bay Farm. This school and community have made my family who we are, and I am grateful to all of you. Finally, thank you to my wonderful, wonderful wife, Toni, without whom none of this would have been possible.

I look forward to seeing the strides Bay Farm makes in the coming years.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "C".

Kevin Clark
Head of School