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Dear Oak Hill Community,

As you are aware, Eva Thompson will be retiring in June after four years as principal at Oak Hill and 37 years with the Newton Public Schools. Prior to her position at Oak Hill, Eva served as a teacher, coordinator, elementary and middle school principal. Over the course of her time at Oak Hill, Eva has demonstrated a level of leadership and dedication that is exemplary. Her commitment to addressing the learning needs of all students has been the hallmark of her career. Eva is a lifelong learner who has been a leader in Newton at both the school and district levels. I know she has cherished her time at Oak Hill and I am grateful that she is leaving the school in a very good place.

Selecting a principal is one of the most critical decisions made by a superintendent. Principals are expected to provide excellent educational leadership, establish a positive school culture, and manage the daily operation of the building. Since the principal's position impacts the entire school community, it is important that the process provides an opportunity for all voices to be heard.

As a result, I am setting up two meetings at Oak Hill; one for parents, and one for faculty and staff. At these meetings, I will review the process and timeline for selecting a principal, and solicit input on the needs at Oak Hill, including the attributes you seek in a principal. We will also explain how parents may be directly involved in the search process.

The parent meeting will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. If you are not able to make the meeting, we will provide an on-line venue for you to give your input on both the needs of the school and the quality and attributes you desire in the next principal. I look forward to working with you as we strive to secure the best possible leadership for all members of the Oak Hill community.

Sincerely,

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