Dear White Mountain Alumnae/i, Parents, Faculty, Students and Friends:

This year is Tim Breen’s eighth year as White Mountain’s Head of School, and his 12th year working at the School. With mixed emotions, Tim has informed the Board of Trustees that this will be his final year at the School. It is with respect and appreciation for all he has given The White Mountain School that I and the Board of Trustees accept his resignation.

Tim and Julie have been wonderful stewards of our School, helping to build tremendous momentum during their tenure. They have reinvigorated the student experience and helped many alumnae/i re-engage with our School. While we will miss Tim and Julie, we are confident that they leave our School in a strong position – stronger in program, staffing, enrollment, and development. As a board, our task is to carry that strength forward and we are confident that our recently developed Strategic Vision will continue to guide us as we chart the course for White Mountain’s future.

In the years that Tim has served White Mountain as Head of School, we have accomplished much together. The points below provide a sense of the transformation our School has undergone during this time as well as the promise ahead:

- **Academic Program**: Clarified and strengthened our academic program; developed and implemented a focus on engaging students in Student-Driven Inquiry.

- **Faculty**: Strengthened our teaching faculty (adding experience and advanced degrees); raised faculty salaries to competitive levels.

- **Enrollment**: Reached full enrollment (growing from 100 to 124 students); increased net tuition income by 67%.

- **Facilities**: Revitalized campus life to support our unique program by renovating Burroughs Dorm, Carter Dorm, the Dining Hall and Servery, classrooms and gathering spaces in McLane, the Formal Garden, Cook Circle, and McFadden Drive. Relocated the McGoldrick Library and Research Center to the Great Hall – to be at the center of school life, created Lovejoy Chapel – to serve as our primary gathering space, and built the Catherine Houghton Arts Center.

- **Advancement**: Raised over 8 million dollars for capital projects and the endowment and increased annual giving by 55%.

While these tangible achievements represent enormous advancement, it is important to remember Tim and Julie’s commitment and, indeed, the entire White Mountain community’s commitment to realizing the full vision for our future reflected in our five-year Strategic Plan:

- to be the best small boarding school in the country.

- to be recognized as a leader in education serving students as they develop into truly independent learners.

- to nurture courage and compassion throughout our community, preparing and inspiring students to serve the greater good.

- to secure our future by increasing revenue for a mission sustaining operating budget.
With this bold vision in our hearts and minds, we move forward with confidence that our School’s next leader is well positioned to continue to build upon the success of our School.

White Mountain’s Board of Trustees has formed a Search Committee and we have already begun the search for an interim Head of School to serve in 2018-2019. We are interviewing professional search firms and will select one to help advise us through a formal search process for selection of a permanent Head of School to begin in July 2019. Over the coming weeks, we will keep you informed of our progress and will ask for your input, which we encourage you to provide. For now, I promise you that The White Mountain School Board of Trustees will select and hire a strong, caring, and effective leader, who will expand upon The White Mountain School’s tremendous strengths and continue the considerable momentum that our School has achieved.

Thank you for your continued support of The White Mountain School.

Sincerely,

Deborah Lowham P ’18, ’20
Chair, The White Mountain School Board of Trustees