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Dear Collingwood Families,

As we approach the final weeks of our academic year, I'm delighted to share that we have hired two outstanding new leaders for our school. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Marc Young and Dr. Beverley von Zielonka to Collingwood School!

Marc Young will be assuming the role of Head of Wentworth beginning in August. Currently the Assistant Head of the Junior School at West Point Grey Academy (WPGA), Mr. Young is a graduate of St. George's School, and holds a Bachelor of Arts, English Literature (McGill University), Diploma in Outdoor Recreation Management (Capilano College), a Bachelor of Education (UBC) and a Master of Education (UBC). Mr. Young brings a wealth of independent school experience and education to this important role at Collingwood, first as an elementary teacher and then as Assistant Head of the Junior School at WPGA since 2008. He is passionate about empowering children and believes that the elementary years are the most formative—that developing a child's ability to capitalize on their potential during this time is transformational. Mr. Young also brings a breadth of experience in areas such as junior school athletics and coaching, outdoor education programs, student life and leadership initiatives. He is personable, authentic, values-driven and approachable. Mr. Young is a forward-thinking leader who works collaboratively with colleagues. Most importantly, though, he is a proud father and husband. We welcome Marc and his wife, Molly, and their two children to the Collingwood family!

Dr. Beverley von Zielonka, joins Collingwood School as the Head of Morven and comes to us from Branksome Hall Asia (South Korea) having spent the past six years there as Head of Middle & Senior School and then as Principal. Her responsibilities included generating strategic school development, hiring faculty and staff, growing the size of the student body, working with the parent community, International Baccalaureate curriculum development, and the growth of an extensive arts, athletic, design tech, experiential outdoor education, and service co-curricular program. Prior to this, Dr. von Zielonka was the Deputy Head of Teaching and Learning at Holy Trinity School in Ontario, Principal of Hastings Middle School in Upper Arlington, Ohio, and teacher then Middle School Principal at the International School of Dusseldorf, Germany. A life-long learner herself, she holds a Bachelor of Education in Geography and Kinesiology (SFU), a Master of Arts in Education Administration (Oxford Brookes University, Oxford) and a Doctor of Education Administration, Training and Policy Studies (Boston University). Dr. von Zielonka is a passionate leader who is totally focused on creating the most stimulating environment for students. She is a champion for collaborative planning and believes that teachers working together can create a culture that is dynamic and supports evolution and progress in all that they do. She is proud of instilling a sense of community within the schools in which she works and looks forward to reuniting with family and friends who live in the Lower Mainland. We welcome Beverley to Collingwood School!

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Mr. Young and Dr. von Zielonka remain at their respective schools for the rest of this academic year. They will join our team in August as our team works together to prepare for the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year. We look forward to introducing these two incredible educators and administrators to you during our Welcome Back Week, particularly at our long-standing tradition, the Welcome Back BBQ.

As always, thank you for your support and for entrusting your children to us each day. On behalf of all staff and faculty, we wish you a restful and enjoyable long weekend. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Lisa Evans
Head of School