

April 27, 2017

To the Members of the Sagemont Community,

It is with delight and a great sense of humility that I accept the position of Head of School at the Sagemont School. I felt truly welcomed by the students, parents and members of the faculty, staff, and leadership team. The commitment to excellence and the sense of belonging and acceptance were apparent as I walked around each school; this is clearly a school that values children, families, and their educational journey. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Nobel Learning Communities for the confidence they have placed in me, and for their kind, welcoming words.

My work over the past 26 years has been a journey of discovery in personal and professional learning. Some of my most important lessons include embracing diversity as a strength, and a profound belief that all students can learn. Learning is both an individual and collective journey that involves solving problems, communicating appropriately, organizing and researching, being technologically literate, and interacting respectfully and responsibly. I have been fortunate to have all three of my children grow and learn in this type of environment, and their paths to success are all quite different; one is an entrepreneur, the second a dancer/choreographer and our youngest is a scholar athlete. These personal observations have translated into a professional ethos and commitment to holistic, rigorous educational opportunities for all students. If we truly believe in helping our students be successful in the 21st century, we must provide them with the opportunity to learn and grow in these skills.

Thank you all for your time and the faith you have placed in me. I look forward to meeting and working with you beginning May 15, and to charting our future together.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Mockrish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

Rob Mockrish, Ph.D.