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Dear Poly Community:

Last week we announced the selection of the 12th Head of School for Poly Prep, Dr. Noni Thomas López. We are so excited to welcome Dr. Thomas Lopez to the Poly family!

The process of getting here was not a short one, and would not have been possible without the dedication, time and input of the entire community. As such, we wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their contribution to this effort.

We appreciated every survey response, email, phone call, conversation over coffee and all the feedback through social media. Each of you that participated expressed clearly what it was that Poly should be looking for in its next head, and your words guided every aspect of this search.

Beyond that, we want to thank the Search Committee for their time and dedication in completing this task. Whether it was making time at the end of a busy day to participate in calls, reviewing documents during holidays and vacations, giving up weekends and time with their families for interviews and Zoom meetings, every member of the committee dug in, took this responsibility seriously and served Poly admirably. We appreciate everyone's time and sacrifice in getting this done.

Next, we want to thank the faculty and staff that participated in the on- campus interview process. We know that giving up time during the day is difficult, and each of these folks made themselves available and represented their colleagues admirably. Their insightful commentary and focused perspective came through in their evaluations and were invaluable to the committee as we deliberated. A special thanks to Kristen Lizzi, Jen Slomack, and Devon Winfield who did extra duty and made sure that we could get to an announcement.

Then there were the current parent representatives that joined the on- campus process who spoke so passionately-- not only about what Poly means to their children--but also what qualities a Head of School for the future needs. They brought a real focus on the

students and a passion for both the institution that is Poly and the entire Poly community to the conversation with the candidates.

A special thank you to the Board of Governors who represented the alumni perspective in the interviews. Many of these participants have experienced Poly in various dimensions and their view on what kind of leader Poly needed was critical to the success of our search.

Finally, a thank you to the Board of Trustees for your faith in us and in this process and for your leadership at both the informal meetings with the candidates and during the on-campus interviews. Each of you that participated took this process seriously, engaged in thoughtful questioning and helped lead by example. We appreciate your willingness to trust the committee and our consultants. You shared your strategic vision for Poly with our candidates and guided them to an understanding of what makes our community so special.

This search process was emblematic of the Poly spirit. Again, thank you to every member of the Poly community for assisting in getting to this monumental outcome.

Warmest regards,

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