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Dear Parents,

It's difficult for me to believe, but by the end of this school year I will have served as Clariden's Head of School for four years already. The time has been rewarding, challenging, and enjoyable all at once, making the years just fly by.

The purpose of my letter to you today is to inform you of a decision I have made regarding my leadership role at the school and next steps in my career. After many hours of reflection, I have decided to return my focus to international education opportunities overseas. I have informed Clariden's Board of Directors that the upcoming 2010-2011 school year will be my last year as Head of School.

Please know that I am committed to continue my leadership at the school with the energy and passion that you have seen in the past until I depart in June 2011. The growth and success of Clariden, and the education of the children, will steadfastly remain my top priority over the next eighteen months.

As I look back at my experiences at Clariden, I am gratified by the fact that our school community is comprised of many supportive families and employees. This has made the work both extremely rewarding and meaningful. I am very grateful to all of you for the support you have shown me, when I first was transitioning into the school, and as we've worked through strategic and operational challenges.

Change always brings with it new opportunities. Both the Board and I believe that as the school rallies around the upcoming Head of School search, the community will be further strengthened and united. I look forward to working with the Board, as well as other school stakeholders, as we look to recruit a leader who can continue the charge of making Clariden a truly exceptional environment that helps children in their journey to become life-long learners.

With kindest regards,



David Deuel
Clariden Head of School