



A special message from

The New Community School





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Dear TNCS Community,

It is with my deepest respect and gratitude that I announce the retirement of four distinguished professionals from The New Community School. After a combined 130 years of service to our school, Donn Lancaster, Marsha Olson, Doug Stannard, and Gita Morris have each decided to retire at the end of this school year. It is difficult to capture in a few words the profound impact they have had on our students.

Donn Lancaster has served as a MS Science Teacher, US Science Teacher, and created our Middle School, serving as its first Dean. He has coached countless teams in both volleyball and basketball and shared his love of learning with our teachers by leading study groups and professional development seminars.

Marsha Olson has taught in our Language Fundamentals department for 29 years. She led this department for more than a decade. We benefit from her informal and more formal professional development sessions around all areas of LF. Her heart and talent have helped even our most dyslexic students embrace the hard work of building language skills.

Doug Stannard came to us in the late 70's and, except for a short stint in Alaska, has been with TNCS ever since. His laughter, deep relationships, and knowledge of science has been part of our fabric for more than three decades. Doug has taught in and led our science department, as well as coached golf and soccer.

Gita Morris came to TNCS only two years after we opened. Since 1976, she has made this school and our students her top priority. She has served our school in so many capacities including: History Teacher, Director of Studies, Chair of the History Department, Director of Admissions, College Counselor, NHS Sponsor, basketball scorekeeper, and more.

Our school may never say goodbye to such tenured faculty members again. There is so much more to be said about these four remarkable and dedicated educators. We will be celebrating them throughout the spring, including a special **Retirement Open House on Saturday, May 19th**. Please watch your mailboxes for an invitation to this event.

Please join me in celebrating, honoring, and thanking Donn, Marsha, Doug, and Gita for their incredible work.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy L. Foy".

Nancy Foy
Head of School