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Dear Yu Ying Community,

Since 2008, when a small group of parents came together to found Yu Ying, we have built a community that fosters intercultural understanding and respect. And our dynamic faculty and staff have implemented many important changes and enhancements over the past 13+ years. But there is an old proverb loosely translated that says, "All things change and we change with them."

As Yu Ying's Executive Director Maquita Alexander shared earlier today, she has notified the Board of Trustees that she will be leaving her post at the end of this school year (June 30, 2022). Maquita has generously offered to provide counsel to the Board and the school's next leader, in collaboration with the school's leadership team.

As an educator, leader, and parent, Maquita's influence and expertise has been woven into all aspects of the school's fabric. Her dedication to the school and its ethos has been phenomenal. We thank Maquita for her remarkable tenure and leadership, which has positioned Yu Ying well for its next chapter. In addition, we are thankful to have her assistance in advising the next leader to ensure a smooth transition.

Nurturing, collaborative, innovative, rigorous, and diverse are all core values of Yu Ying and will be the values we employ as we search for a new Executive Director. Over the coming weeks and months, we will seek community input into the recruitment and hiring process. We are planning to schedule several listening sessions with key community members: parents, faculty & staff, and external partners. In addition, we will be organizing advisory committees to provide feedback to the Board on select candidates.

We expect to have significant interest from candidates seeking to build on Yu Ying's solid foundation as a tier one, high performing charter school. We will share more information soon about next steps and continue to communicate about our progress in this endeavor.

Best regards,

Kelly Yee

Chair, Board of Trustees