

(Community Facing)

Dear Yu Ying Community,

When I joined Yu Ying in August 2009, I had no idea how much this school and community would come to mean to me. My family and I were welcomed with open arms – my son, Eli (class of 2020), as a first grader, and later my daughter, Mattie (class of 2023), and son, Ellis (class of 2024). How fortunate we've been to see Yu Ying grow from a small group of founders to 570 students strong!

That's why, after nearly 13 years as Executive Director, it is with mixed emotions that I share this will be my last year at Yu Ying. I made my decision after thoughtful consideration and I plan to work closely with the Board to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

I want to start by thanking you—the Yu Ying community. I treasure my experiences and our community's variety of perspectives and backgrounds. I'm in awe of our faculty's dedication, and their passion and deep knowledge for the International Baccalaureate program and Chinese immersion. Yu Ying's families are collaborative partners who have always been fully committed to our mission. Your warmth and your amazing kids have filled my heart.

And the extraordinary leadership shown by every member of the Yu Ying Board of Trustees--past and present—has helped me to surmount significant hurdles and embark upon many exciting new initiatives.

I will continue to be fully engaged in my current position and with our school community until the end of this school year. I plan to continue my connection with Yu Ying by serving as a consultant and mentor to the next Executive Director to help ensure a smooth transition.

I consider those of you who have shared this journey with me to be friends and family. I'm forever grateful to have played an instrumental part in what's been the most fulfilling experience of my life—the creation of our extraordinary learning community.

The Board of Trustees will provide you with more information about the search for a new Executive Director in the days to come.

With gratitude,

Maquita