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Dear NSA Community,

The Board of Directors is very excited to announce the hiring of our new Head of School staff. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Search Committee in hiring Tobin Walsh as the new Head of School and Jane Audet as a Senior Educational Leader and Interim Head of School. In hiring both Tobin and Jane, we welcome seasoned educational leaders who are committed to leading NSA into our next chapter.

Paul Plotz, chair of the Search Committee comments, "I am extremely pleased that the NSA was able to attract these two talented, dynamic and capable education professionals. I am very excited for the future of the NSA with Tobin as Head of School leading us forward with innovative educational excellence and Jane in a support role providing her expertise and experience as well."

Tobin Walsh comes to the NSA with 15 years of teaching and educational program coordination with the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). She is most recently a coordinator for the Specialist High Skills Major Programs in the Pathways Department at the TCDSB Catholic Education Centre. She has extensive teaching and leadership experience in the areas of Guidance, Co-operative Education, Geography, Career Studies and Science. Over her career, Tobin has focused on and excelled at building relationships among stakeholders, developing partnerships, building community and the creation of engaging student learning opportunities to enhance student success. Tobin has been involved in the ski industry for over 20 years, and she and her husband are currently members of Alpine Ski Club's race crew. Tobin, her husband Paul and son Jasper, 8 months, have spent weekends in Collingwood for many years and are excited to be moving to Collingwood full-time this Fall.

In Tobin's own words, "I'm thrilled to be taking on the role of Head of School and look forward to working and learning alongside a staff who are passionate about supporting the athletic and academic achievements of our NSA students. Over the coming years, I hope to provide our students with authentic learning opportunities that will support goal-setting and allow NSA graduates to continue with confidence into their futures."

Jane Audet is currently the Associate Director of University Counseling at Upper Canada College (UCC) in Toronto. Jane is taking a leave of absence from UCC and comes to the NSA with over 30 years of educational leadership experience. She was the Vice Principal of School Life at Greenwood College School and spent many years at The Bishop Strachan School in positions of Head of Student Services, Middle School Coordinator, Athletic Director and Head of Health and Physical Education. Jane is a lifelong skier and athlete and has coached a variety of high school sports teams. She also has extensive experience in managing residential summer camps. Jane's husband



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Henri recently retired from his role as the Executive Director of Camp Kirk, a summer residential camp providing enriched experiences for children with exceptionalities, which he co-founded and led since 1993. Jane and Henri have two grown daughters who live and work in Toronto.

Jane says, "I look forward to joining the NSA community and am excited to work with Tobin and the NSA team as we collaborate together to provide an enriching and supportive environment for the talented NSA student-athletes to pursue their goals and dreams."

Jane will become the Interim Head of School at the start of the academic year in August 2017 and will work closely with Tobin until 15 January, 2018 when Tobin officially begins her on-site role as Head of School. Jane will continue to provide students with guidance support and university counseling until the conclusion of the 2018 academic year.

Both Tobin and Jane bring a variety of impressive experiences to the NSA. They are both dynamic leaders committed to the NSA's mission of providing an environment for talented student athletes to maximize individual potential through the pursuit of alpine ski racing excellence, academic achievement and personal growth.

Since 1986, the NSA has been lead by the vision and guidance of Jurg Gfeller who will now move from the role of Executive Director to Founder and Head U16 Coach. We are immensely grateful for Jurg's commitment to the NSA over the past 30 years and look forward to our new relationship as it evolves.

We are incredibly appreciative of Neil Buie, Principal, for his leadership and guidance over the last 8 years as NSA transitioned into an Independent School and Brian Traynor for his 27 years with NSA in roles as teacher and Academic Director.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to thank the NSA community for their support during this time of transition and our search for a new Head of School. We are thrilled to welcome both Tobin and Jane into the NSA community and look forward to them joining our team.