



Friends,

It is with much emotion that I write to inform you that Curt Masters, our headmaster for the past 25 years, has notified the Board of Trustees that he intends to retire after the 2024-2025 school year. I have mixed emotions because of what Curt has meant to me personally, but more importantly, because of his impact on the entire Brentwood Academy family for the last quarter of a century. However, I am excited to see the next chapter in Curt's life and how he will continue to live out God's plan for him and his family.

In my meetings with Curt, it became very apparent he wanted to ensure the school was best positioned for the future. Curt has worked tirelessly protecting BA's mission and building a leadership team, faculty, and staff, who not only believe in our mission, but demonstrate it with our children. What a blessing to have a headmaster, leadership team, faculty, and staff working together to provide BA's triangle philosophy in a Christ-centered environment. The board is in full alignment that BA is well positioned for the next chapter. God has been faithful to BA and our school is certainly blessed with both a successful past and very bright future. Again, Curt has done an amazing job preparing us for the next chapter. This is why the board and I are excited about the future of Brentwood Academy.

The Board of Trustees will conduct a thoughtful and thorough search for Curt's successor. We ask for your prayers throughout the process. In preparation for this announcement, the board has been working diligently over the last eighteen months by establishing a timeline and creating a search committee, that with the Lord's blessing, will result in finding our new head of school for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The search committee chairman is Nathan Brandon, and he will send a separate letter sharing more details on our preparation and the search process. The board is committed to keeping the BA community involved and updated as the process progresses. As you have heard me say before, BA is special to my family, and I know it is to each of your families. I am confident God will bring BA the right leader who strongly believes and is committed to our Statement of Faith and Mission – to the Glory of God. Curt will continue to serve as our headmaster throughout the next school year and partner with the board and his successor through any necessary transition. I would ask that during this time, you take every opportunity to join the board in thanking Curt Masters for his leadership and exceptional service to Brentwood Academy for the past 25 years. We pray God will continue to bless Curt and his wonderful family.

In closing, as I was reading through the BA handbook, I came across three important scriptures to our school's history.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well – Matthew 6:33

Be still and know that I am God – Psalm 46:10

...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8

These scriptures illustrate our school's foundation for unity – past, present, and future. Please join me in praying over these scriptures as your board and the BA community embark on the search for our next leader.

Respectfully,

David F. 'Buddy' Bacon, Jr. '82
Chairman, Board of Trustees