



Dear Foothills Community,

In October, I shared that I planned to depart as Head of School by the end of the 2026-2027 school year and that Janice and I were looking forward to a new adventure. I'm writing today with an update: I have accepted the position of Head of School at Billings Middle School in Seattle, Washington, and will be departing Foothills at the end of this school year in June.

When an opportunity emerged at a school whose mission and values so closely mirror what I love about Foothills, including experiential learning, a whole-child approach, and a tight-knit community, it felt right to pursue it. Billings is a stand-alone middle school in Seattle's Pinehurst neighborhood, and I'm excited about what lies ahead. At the same time, I want to be clear: my heart and energy are fully here at Foothills through June, and I am committed to making these remaining months as strong as possible.

Foothills is a remarkable school because of the collective commitment of its teachers, families, students, and Board. That commitment is what carried this school through a building move, a pandemic, and a successful re-accreditation, and it is what will carry Foothills forward. I said in October that I believe change brings growth and opens up possibilities. I believe that even more now, for me and for Foothills.

I'll have more to say as we approach the end of the year. For now, thank you for the trust you have placed in me. It has been an honor to serve this community.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Cofod", is placed over a light gray rectangular background.

Nick Cofod
Head of School