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I am writing you today to inform the Friends School of Wilmington community of my appointment on January 16th as Head of School at Barnhart School in Arcadia, California. In a wonderful twist of fate, it turns out that our son Matt is finishing his MFA in Film and Social Media at American University in DC this spring, and on January 1, 2012 his new wife Suzanne began her new position as City Planner in Fresno, California, about 3 hours drive from our new home! It will be great to have them on the same coast and to be able to so easily visit with them, and maybe even the grandchildren in a few years.

While Amy and I are looking forward to our next adventure in southern California, the next five months will be a very poignant time for us as we prepare to leave a city and community that we love. It will be very hard to say "goodbye for now" to so many wonderful friends! Fortunately we will be keeping our house on Whiskey Creek, will be visiting at least annually, and plan to move back someday.

As I have poured my heart and soul into our school for the last 14 years, I will most certainly miss the Friends School of Wilmington – the wonderful faculty, students, families and Board. In short, leaving FSW feels like sending a beloved son or daughter off to college – while you know it is time, that doesn't make it any easier! However, I am also very clear that it is time for the growth that comes from taking my next career step and for the growth that will come to FSW through new leadership. I am very pleased that my friend Brenda Boggess has accepted the position as FSW's next Head of School and I am very confident that she has the skills needed to lead FSW forward in the years ahead. I look forward to working with Brenda and the Board in the weeks and months ahead to ensure a smooth leadership transition. I will miss you all and wish everyone all the best in the years ahead.

With Deep Affection,

Ethan D. Williamson
Head of School
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