



VIRGINIA BEACH FRIENDS SCHOOL

Knowledge. Character. Community.

Dear Virginia Beach Friends School Community,

February 7, 2023

It is with a sense of excitement, enthusiasm, anticipation, and deep gratitude that I write to the VBFS community today. I am honored and humbled to be named the next Head of School at Virginia Beach Friends School. As I learned more and more about VBFS during the hiring process, I quickly realized VBFS is a treasure in Virginia Beach with limitless potential for the future.

I extend my sincere thanks to the VBFS Search Committee, Board of Trustees, and Southern Teachers Agency for their trust in me throughout this journey. Throughout this process, I have learned about the Quaker traditions and values that make Virginia Beach Friends School the special place it is. Parents, students, faculty, and Trustees have a deep-seated pride in VBFS that was inspiring to observe during my time with you.

Thank you to the faculty who took time out of a Friday afternoon to meet and ask hard questions, and ultimately, for your vote of confidence in me. Your knowledge, drive, and dedication is inspiring. I am especially excited to learn from you and partner with you to realize the vision for VBFS.

In late October of 2022, my wife Julie and I accepted an invitation to come to the VBFS campus to attend BooFest. For 90 minutes, Julie and I walked around, met families, and listened to an amazing band, Malaria (I still have my sticker!). The overwhelming sense of community was evident from the moment we stepped on campus, and we were immediately captivated. I recall telling my wife *"there is something special about this place"* as we left for the evening. Now, I am tasked with leading this institution, and I can not wait to listen and learn from our wonderful students, passionate educators, and caring parents.

I want to take a moment to thank Mike Barclay for his tireless work and dedication to this amazing school. Mike has been generous and gracious with his time. I look forward to learning from him in the months ahead and having him in the Hampton Roads area as a colleague and a friend.

The future is bright at Virginia Beach Friends School. The hopes and dreams I heard from the VBFS community over the last few months are within reach. We are fortunate to possess an outstanding team of educators and dedicated administrators committed to encouraging student growth and uplifting our community, enabling us to bring out the unique potential and greatness in every student. We have supportive and generous parents and Trustees, eager to

dig in and roll up their sleeves for the benefit of the community. I look forward to learning more in the upcoming months and to officially joining this special community on July 1st.

Thank you so much for this unique and amazing opportunity. I am truly humbled by the honor and privilege of leading Virginia Beach Friends School.

Sincerely,



Greg Angilly



My family at my brother-in-law's wedding in June 2022. From left to right - my wife Julie, son Cooper (17) and daughter Leah (16).