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Dear Keswick School Community,

I am deeply honored to prepare to step into the Head of School role on July 1<sup>st</sup> as only the third Head of School in our 63-year history. I do so with great respect for the school, the families we serve, and the trust you place in this community.

Extraordinary leadership has shaped Keswick. Ed Irby, the school's founding Head of School and current member of the Board of Trustees, and Marc Columbus built a program defined by care, intention, and unwavering commitment to students and families. I am blessed to inherit such a strong school that has supported generational change for hundreds of families for decades.

I have had the privilege of working at Keswick for the past 12 years, including the last seven years alongside Marc as Assistant Head of School. Through that time, I have learned directly from his example what it means to protect and nurture a therapeutic community, always keeping students and families at the center of every decision. I am grateful that Marc will continue to be actively involved in the life of the school as we move forward in his new role as Director of Institutional Advancement, where he will work closely with Deb Rexrode to ensure the sustainability and capital development growth.

I have also learned greatly from Dr. Thomson, Dr. Byrnes, and others whose work has shaped our thoughtful, relationship-based approach. Their guidance has reinforced the importance of collaboration, consistency, and partnership with families.

Keswick School has always been more than a campus or therapeutic program. It is a community built on trust, care, and belief in the potential of every student. I understand that choosing Keswick School for your student is an act of faith, often made during a vulnerable time for families. That trust is something I hold with deep respect and responsibility.

As we move forward, my intention is to honor what makes us special: our mission, culture, and our people. I believe strongly in preserving the heart of this school while also supporting thoughtful growth, a strong, effective program, and the long-term health of the community. I am not approaching this role with an eye toward significant transformation. Rather, my focus is on tending carefully to what already works and leading in a way that feels steady, supportive, and grounded. My hope is to strengthen the sense of continuity and trust that family's value. I am committed to preserving the culture, scope of services, and therapeutic approach that have long defined Keswick School.

With gratitude and respect,

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