Dear Search Committee,

It is an honor and a privilege to accept your offer to serve as Worcester Academy's 32nd Head of School. The moment I encountered the position description, I felt called to this opportunity. My subsequent visits with you served only to heighten the allure. As I wrote in March: Every quality we seek in each other at this time of global crisis is inherent in the Mission of Worcester Academy. Indeed, if ever there was a time for 'achieving the honorable,' it is now. Dana and I are eager to begin a new journey with the dedicated team in place at Worcester Academy--a place with a rich history, a bright future, and an inspiring Mission.

Beyond my attraction to the Mission and purpose of WA, I feel a strong connection to the people and the place I encountered two weeks ago. Worcester Academy's students are said to be "joyous, unpretentious, open, articulate, and highly motivated," a description that captures the spirit of the faculty and staff as well. And these joyous and motivated people are rightfully proud of the palpable resurgence in and around



Worcester. It is an exciting time to relocate to the Heart of the Commonwealth; and it is a necessary time to continue providing current and future Hilltoppers with a relevant and meaningful education.

I am excited to join a community with so much forward momentum. In building on Ron Cino's legacy, we have a unique opportunity to reposition Worcester Academy. The students are savvy and know that the work they tackle on the Hilltop has authenticity and purpose. As we emerge from the pandemic and more families encounter our vision, those families will desire the relevant, time-befitting programming we offer. I cannot imagine a more opportune time to join this vibrant and ethical community.

I am grateful to each of you on the search committee for making me feel so welcomed. Thanks, also, for the trust and confidence you have expressed in offering me this incredible opportunity. I look forward to a long partnership with the Board and the School, and I am eager and ready to begin this special journey with all of you.

With gratitude and humility,

Kavia

Kevin