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Dear Trustees, Wornick Community and Friends,

I listened to a couple of our graduates speak at our middle school open house last week. These youngsters were so poised and clearly represented the educational vision of the school. Like any parent, I always wish that these youngsters would hang around a little bit longer. But the essence of life is forward movement and they must move on to serve the larger community with their skills and knowledge that we had a hand in shaping. For me, the time to move forward has also arrived. I will be retiring in June 2019.

It has been a great honor to lead this school. When I moved to Wornick, I never dreamed of the many educators, trustees, parents, community leaders and donors that I would have the opportunity to learn from and grow with in the service of the children we all love. My time as Head of School has been meaningful, challenging and enjoyable. Among my greatest joys has been watching students move from energetic kindergartners to industrious upper elementary students to confident young adults. This delight only increases when I see our graduates succeeding and leading in high school, college and the community.

The joy of discovery, the chance to wonder, the assertion of human dignity and the opportunities to build leadership skills are all central to a Wornick education. These sit on a solid foundation of our thoughtful, skilled staff, the wisdom of the Board of Trustees, the trust of our families and the boundless potential of our students. Our creative, hard-working teachers, staff and leadership who work with a clearly articulated education program produce well-rounded, creative and assertive graduates. Our school has a strong donor base, a connected and caring parent community, and a highly engaged board of trustees. We have the full confidence of our accrediting institutions. The new Strategic Plan that is nearing completion will pave the way for new opportunities to build on our strengths.

All of these strengths supported by so many thoughtful, conscientious people will drive the good work ahead of us over the next eighteen months as we prepare our community for its next leadership chapter. It is time to go from strength to strength.

With Gratitude,
Dr. Barbara Gereboff
Head of School