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Dear Friends,

Scattergood School Committee is pleased to introduce Ginny Winsor as the new Interim Head of the School for the upcoming school year, effective July 6, 2009. Ginny brings to the position strengths in financial development and business management from years involved in the non-profit arts world. Her gentle but direct interpersonal skills and sense of humor will be appreciated in this transition year while the School Committee searches for a permanent Head of School. She currently resides in California, but has been a member of Omaha Friends Meeting for more than a decade. We welcome Ginny and her two cats to the school's community and to the return to Midwest weather. She is very much looking forward to getting to know and working with everyone involved with Scattergood and its community.

Jan Luchini, Head of School, resigned in May. Her service to the school spanned 23 years where she participated initially as an art instructor and later as Business Manager. As Head of School, Jan led the school to a healthy fiscal position with her business acumen and has established an exceptionally strong professional staff at the school. The school will continue to work on the long-range goal of sustainability that she implemented with the staff. The School Committee recognizes Jan's many contributions to the school and is very grateful for her years of service.

A search committee has been appointed and will begin its work later this summer in finding a permanent head for the 2010-2011 school year. This new Head will have a gem in hand. The School Committee is particularly excited about Scattergood's progress in moving toward sustainability, its development of the farm and improvements to its academic programs. The school is strongly infused with traditional Quaker values in its guidance and programs. The staff is vibrant, intelligent, creative and dedicated. Students benefit from an academic program that is unrivaled in its history with its focus on a college preparatory curriculum and service. The community established at Scattergood is unique, strong, and committed, and makes significant contributions to the development of its youth and its staff.

While the school faces the same challenges as other non-profits due to the international financial crisis, we remain confident in addressing these challenges because of the fiscal stability Jan provided and Ginny's skill set. This is an exciting time because of the wealth of possibilities this change of leadership can initiate as the school continues to be a vanguard in providing a spirit-led, community-based, college prep program. Its strength is found in its broadly based community of students, family, staff, Yearly Meeting and its constituencies, friends, and its West Branch neighbors. For this support, the School Committee is ever grateful.

On behalf of the School Committee,

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