



Dear Namaste Community,

I'm pleased to share an update about our head-of-school search, which has been a top priority for the Namaste Board of Directors, and to explain the next steps in the hiring process.

As you know, close to 100 candidates applied for the HOS position at Namaste. Of that pool, we invited four well-qualified candidates to attend a first round of interviews with representatives of the Namaste board earlier this week. The board and Stephanie held intensive half-day interviews with each candidate, focused on understanding the knowledge and skills of each person.

We're thrilled to announce that we are recommending three of these candidates as finalists for half-day, on-site interviews at Namaste on Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26.

We deeply value your role in this process, so we are creating an interview schedule that allows finalists to have conversations with ALL of our stakeholders — teachers, staff, parents and students. Next week, we'll send out specific details, information on the three candidates (each of whom has deep Chicago connections, is bilingual and brings rich leadership experience) and timelines requesting your participation.

Thank you for your engagement and support as we work together on this important process!

With gratitude,

Cathy Calhoun
President
Namaste Board of Directors