



Dear Bridgton Academy Community:

I write today with the news that I will be stepping down from my position as Head of School at the end of this school year to become Head of School at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, PA. Because the Academy has been such a special place for us, this is a bittersweet decision for both Dani and me. Our time in Maine has been more fulfilling than we could ever have imagined, and leading this incredible school is a true honor. However, after six years, we both feel that now is the time to explore different opportunities, ones that are closer to our family roots in the mid-Atlantic.

It has been a privilege to serve at Bridgton Academy with the most dedicated group of professionals I have ever met. The men and women who make up our staff are singly focused on our young men, and our mission is always at the forefront of what they do. They do nothing less than change the lives of Bridgton students, each and every day, and no matter the challenge, their determination never wavers. The most impressive example of this is the way the community came together throughout the pandemic. After the difficult decision to close campus in the spring of 2020, our staff was committed to providing a traditional Bridgton experience for the Class of '21 and beyond. We were one of the few schools in the State of Maine, if not in New England, that were able to take the steps necessary to be fully in-person in all of our programs. It is a time I will never forget, and this is a group of people to whom I will forever be grateful.

Since I began my Bridgton journey, I have been fortunate to work with a supportive and engaged Board of Trustees. This is a group who care not only about the long-term health and progress of the Academy, but who have also done the hard work of examining their approach and consistently working to enhance everything that they do. Their dedication is unmatched, and our community is fortunate to have them as thoughtful stewards of the Academy.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank our students for making the investment in themselves to come to Bridgton. No matter what may be happening, no matter what challenges need to be addressed in a normal day, I can always count on our young men to inspire us with their commitment, their questions, observations, sense of humor, and most importantly, their faith in us to help them change their lives. I will be grateful for that trust for the rest of my life.

As the Board of Trustees conducts its work to name my successor, I remain committed to ensuring a strong leadership transition. The communication and coordination between a departing and a new Head is extremely important, and my goal is to ensure that the Academy continues to gain ground in the midst of change.

The past six years have been the most meaningful of my professional life, and our time at Bridgton Academy has been a greater blessing than we could have ever imagined.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Mooney
Head of School