



**BALTIMORE LAB SCHOOL**

THE DIFFERENCE IS EXTRAORDINARY

BLS Family and Friends,

On behalf of my fellow Board of Directors, thank you for a great 2018. As we kick off 2019, Baltimore Lab School has never been stronger. The accomplishments over the past twelve months have been extraordinary and these achievements have impacted the entire BLS community. I appreciate the diverse group of stakeholders who have contributed to our success. You each had a unique contribution and we are fortunate to have a dedicated community driven to succeed.

2018 started with a new logo depicting our four pillars - **F**ellowship, **I**nnovation, **R**igor and **E**nlightenment (after all, **FIRE** is what Dragons breathe). As the 2017-2018 school year drew to a close, we danced the night away during our prom at Martin's West and celebrated the accomplishments of our graduating class at MICA. In the heat of the summer, we enhanced the views by installing new windows at historic Goucher Hall. This fall, we welcomed a new Head of the High School, Ned Bartlett, and expanded the Board to welcome new member, Lori Brady. As the days grew shorter, the Spaghetti Dinner witnessed the transformation of Lovely Lane into an elegant bistro and the Book Fair took over Legacy Room.

As I reflect upon our thriving community at BLS, I am reminded of the unique PERSPECTIVE each stakeholder brings to the dialogue. Your impressions and description of BLS will vary greatly depending on how you interact with the school. As a student, your perspective will be shaped by your interactions with our faculty and staff and your academic and artistic achievements. As a recent graduate or alumnus, your impressions will be centered around your memories of Goucher Hall and how BLS prepared you for your next chapter. Parents or family members will judge the school based on the education experience and the growth of your loved one during these formative years. Our faculty and staff value a creative learning environment and the support they receive to share their talents with their students. From my perspective, we are part of a truly remarkable school which is living up to the standards and traditions of our Founder, Sally L. Smith. Sally believed "everyone can learn" and created a unique environment for every student to reach their potential.

All these perspectives blend to create the BLS community and I thank you for your commitment. We are part of a special institution and the Board is honored to be part of it.

In closing, I wish you Happy New Year on a soggy day in late December - a fitting way to end this rain filled year. 2018 may have been the wettest year on record for Baltimore, but the clouds always seemed to part and the smiles dominated the skyline whenever I crossed the threshold of 2220 St. Paul Street.

More success awaits BLS in 2019 - Go Dragons!

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