Dear White Mountain School and St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains Community,

We write today to share that the Board has made the difficult decision that our school must close on June 30, 2024. Our efforts to secure a partnership to allow WMS to continue as a private enterprise were not successful. Despite the tremendous efforts of the Board, school leadership, our prospective partners, and other dedicated community members to find a path forward, we have determined that our model of an independent 9th through 12th-grade boarding and day school is no longer sustainable.

We know that this news will prompt a wide range of reactions and emotions over the coming days. We hope to do what is within our power to support everyone in our WMS community - students, families, employees, parents, and alums.

We understand that there will be many questions. We have created a Frequently Asked Questions document in anticipation of some of those questions. In this FAQ, you can learn more about the challenging landscape independent schools are facing, the strategic discussions and decisions the Board of Trustees has engaged in, and the efforts they have made over the last decade to try to develop a financially sustainable path for our beloved school. In addition, the FAQ shares more specific details for Alumni regarding records, contact information, and reunions.

To address any additional questions you may have, we will also be hosting a webinar via Zoom on Saturday, June 8th, at 10 am. To make our time together as productive as possible, please register for the Zoom meeting and submit your questions in advance using this link.

We know that many of you may be wondering how you can help the School right now. The heritage of White Mountain/St. Mary's is critical to our memories. Gathering and finding a home for our treasures will take resources. We ask for your help in supporting the Honor Our Heritage fund. Every gift provides each of us an opportunity to hold on to treasured memories. A generous donor moved by the importance of this goal will match every gift up to $500,000. You can give online using this link or by contacting the Development office at (603)444-2928.

We are eager to be in conversation with you so that we can provide information that we hope will support and sustain you as we all navigate this tremendously somber news. As always, we are grateful for your partnership and your support.

Board of Trustees