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Dear Parents, Teachers, Staff Members and OWS Friends,

I am delighted to announce that the Board of Trustees has appointed Jeff Stroebel as Open Window School's next Head of School, beginning July 1, 2012. The Board voted unanimously to confirm Jeff based on the Search Committee's enthusiastic and unanimous recommendation. Jeff has the energy and wisdom to continue our focus on the Open Window School mission while also leading us forward towards accomplishing our strategic initiatives as we enter the next 25 years in the school's history.

Jeff's deep experience in independent schools and gifted education is impressive. For the last five years, Jeff has served as Head of School at the Da Vinci Academy in Elgin, Illinois. Previously, Jeff was Head of the Middle School at Sycamore School in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he also taught middle school history. The mission of both of these PS/K-8 schools centers on the education of gifted children. Jeff's background includes a 25-year teaching career, capped by the receipt of the Indiana Association for the Gifted "Teacher of the Year" award in 2001.

Jeff comes to Open Window School as a highly accomplished head of school. Among his many accomplishments, Jeff helped develop a tailored gifted certification program through Northwestern University for independent school teachers, served on and led accreditation teams for the Independent School Association for the Central States, evaluated and developed curriculum at all levels, developed mission-focused professional development and parent education activities, and enhanced all aspects of philanthropic activity at his current school. He holds an M.S. in Educational Administration from Butler University, a B.S. in Secondary Education, as well as an Endorsement in Gifted and Talented Education from Purdue University.

In accepting his appointment, Jeff said: "I am both excited and honored to be named as Open Window's next Head of School. Although I have only visited the school for a short period of time, its vibrancy, commitment to the mission of educating gifted children, and positive community culture is overwhelmingly apparent. I look forward to working with the trustees, staff, and all Open Window School families in building upon the impressive accomplishments that the school has attained under Wilder's leadership."

Wilder will be in close communication with Jeff throughout the school year to help Jeff smoothly transition into his leadership. Jeff will also visit several times, and opportunities to meet with Jeff will be announced in advance. Please join me in welcoming Jeff to the Open Window School community!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Skorny  
President, Board of Trustees