Dear Mirowitz Community,

With gratitude for the opportunity to know you and lead this remarkable school, I'm writing to share a personal and heartfelt decision that I am not seeking to extend my contract beyond its stated term of June 2026. As I am engaging in determining my next leadership path, it is essential that I provide the Mirowitz Board of Trustees the time to coordinate their next steps. I support a thoughtful and transparent transition process, and I remain committed to honoring my professional responsibilities and supporting the board's efforts to ensure the continuity and stability of Mirowitz.

Leadership is rarely easy, especially during times of change, and this was not an easy decision. Leading Mirowitz, this sacred community, has been a meaningful and transformative experience in my professional life. I remain deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve a mission-driven institution, partner with passionate educators, and work alongside families and supporters who care so deeply about the future of our children and the values we teach.

I know that the work we have done and the changes that have been made are part of a long-term vision to ensure the school's sustainability. Together, we've made remarkable strides in strengthening Mirowitz's student-focused learning, faculty professional growth, operations, and communal engagement. I am delighted by the results of the ISACS parent survey, which will be shared soon and demonstrate the pride our families have in our school.

I am fully committed to ensuring a strong and thoughtful transition. I will work closely with the Board and community to support the search for the next leader who will carry our mission forward with strength and care. At the same time, I will continue to lead Mirowitz in caring for our students, staff, families, and community. Eric and I look forward to our continued time in St. Louis, and the decision to move on from Mirowitz has not come easily.

Thank you for your trust, partnership, and unwavering support. It is an honor to serve this community, and I look forward to continuing our important work together in the year ahead.

With gratitude,

Raquel Scharf-Anderson