



July 20, 2016

Dear SBSTA Community,

I write to congratulate Tracy on her new position as head of school at GMVS and to acknowledge that 2016-2017 will be her final year as Head of the Sugar Bowl Ski Team and Academy (SBSTA). I assure you, the SBSTA community, of our successful path forward. Tracy's intelligence, tenacity, work ethic and passionate commitment to the success and growth of SBSTA have been her trademark. Partnering with Sugar Bowl Corporation, our past boards and their chairs, Tricia Hellman Gibbs, John Hommeyer and Alicia Hammarskjold, together we have built a state-of-the-art campus. Sugar Bowl Academy (SBA) is the nations only, on resort ski-in/ski-out college preparatory academy campus with capacity for 75 full-time and 31 boarding students. SBA is a fully accredited CAIS independent school. Our Ski team is USSA "Gold Certified" with professionally trained and certified coaches, inspiring every child to achieve their fullest potential. "The proof in the pudding" lies in numerous invitations to the U.S. Ski Team, placement on NCAA "D1" ski teams and a long and distinguished list of colleges and universities that SBA graduates have been accepted to including, Bates, Cal Poly, Colby, CU Boulder, Dartmouth, Harvard, Middlebury, U of Vermont, U of New Hampshire, UCLA, U Penn, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, Williams, and countless others.

As we enter this next chapter, Tracy and the Trustees are firmly committed to retaining, and hiring the best leaders, coaches, teachers and staff. The passionate commitment of our community is the envy of others. Our ski team, with its broad range of programs, is the best in the Tahoe Region. Our student-athletes excel both academically and athletically across Nordic, Freeride and Alpine disciplines. SBSTA's reputation and growth potential provides an attractive opportunity for our next leader.

Tracy and the Board of Trustees have begun the planning process to ensure that Tracy's transition year is both orderly and successful. Kate Krehbiel and Dr. Jim Taylor will lead a thoughtful and inclusive search committee representing our community. The committee will include outside professionals, trustees, coaches, teachers, parents and alumni. We will interview several independent search firms. We will work with individuals in the world of elite ski competition and education to assist in attracting the most qualified and appropriate candidates. Further, we will incorporate insights from our recent parent survey and our search committee and process will be communicative and transparent to all. Our first communication in early August will outline the timeline along with other details of the search. We will update you on our progress monthly.

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, the faculty, coaches, staff, parents, students and alumni of SBSTA I wish to thank Tracy for her dedicated service and countless accomplishments over these past 14 years. She has left an indelible mark on Donner Summit laying a foundation for our future success. We are proud of her legacy. We look forward to an amazing final year of her headship. As Tracy takes this next step in her career we wish her the best.

Sincerely,

Steven L Shray  
Chair, Sugar Bowl Ski Team & Academy

