Dear Billings Families & Friends,

What a year this has been already! On August 15th, we took possession of our new home in Northgate. On August 21st, we moved into our gorgeous new campus, and on September 3rd, we opened our doors. It’s been a whirlwind, with new classrooms in which to nest, new 6th grader families to welcome, and a new neighborhood to explore.

My favorite parts of this whole transition have been watching the students inhabit our new spaces with their old routines. I love watching a frisbee zip past the front windows during lunchtime. I love watching the 8th graders hanging out by the lockers on the main floor and 6th graders scrambling to their cubbies on the lower level. I love seeing tents drying in the gym after a rainy overnight trip, and faculty gathered around the kitchen on Wednesdays for “Faculty Snackulty.” You see, the location may have changed just a bit, but the heart and soul of Billings remains unchanged. It’s been so exciting to me to see the potential of the Billings experience as it grows and expands into this new space!

The potential of the Billings experience is the reason that families choose us as a stand-alone middle school option for their students year after year. It’s really about the potential that lies within a middle school student. The unique Billings expeditionary model allows for unprecedented personal growth during three short years. Students step outside of themselves, take risks in and out of the classroom, and try new experiences -- all within a safe space where they are supported by adults who care about their social, emotional, and academic development. As a result, Billings students don’t just survive middle school -- they THRIVE!

Each year, the support of Billings families and friends through the Billings Annual Fund allows us to continue our hallmark expeditionary programming, allowing students to reach their full potential. The Annual Fund supports professional development for faculty, expeditionary programming, and exciting curricular opportunities that take our students out of a traditional classroom and into the real world.

If you have already donated to this year’s Annual Fund, I thank you for your ongoing support of Billings, our faculty, and our outstanding program. If you have not yet given, I ask you now to make your pledge in support of Billings and the potential of our outstanding middle school students.

Most sincerely,

Anne-Evan K. Williams, PhD
Head of School