

Take the Initiative: Claim the Exemplar

At Miss Porter's School, young women hone their abilities as scholars, artists, athletes and friends. Through their experiences in our classrooms and arts studios, on athletic fields and theater stages, and by their service to others, our students become self-motivated. Their vision and purpose is captured in their focus, passion and voices as they demonstrate their ability to lead.

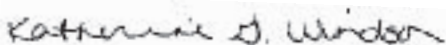
This is the most important feature of a girls' school, and we began the academic year reflecting on and reaffirming our commitment to this essential work. Over the course of the year, this focus became the foundation for our daily tasks and our strategic planning. In turn, our leadership teams and committees used their expertise and effort to ensure strong outcomes in each of their areas of responsibility and to define best practices and new opportunities for young women.

Our commitment to the best practices for girls' education is demonstrated by our own self-study; it is evidenced by examples such as the optimization of our health curriculum to include essential topics promoting a healthy lifestyle, the restructuring of our mission-focused summer programs, and the creation of an athletic task force. In our self-study, we measure our accomplishment by clear examples: our students achieve academic success, our artists are commended, our teams win, our community champions mutual respect.

From the very beginning, Sarah Porter partnered tradition with innovation to provide a rigorous and dynamic education for young women. In doing so, she set her school on a course that allows for it to serve as the clear leader among girls' schools. Now more than ever, Miss Porter's School possesses a unique position in history and in the independent school market as the best all girls' boarding and day school in the country. To continue to advance the work of our founder, it is our responsibility to assert our legacy and our vision for the future.

We are a school at which practice and philosophy merge, and I embrace my charge to identify Miss Porter's School as the paramount resource on best practices in the teaching and learning of young women. Join me in sharing the message we know to be true: Miss Porter's School sets the standard—through our programs, by our practices, and with our people. We have the opportunity, rather, the ability, to claim the exemplar. Now, let's begin.

Sincerely,



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Head of School



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