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Dear TBS Families:

Over the course of the history of an organization, there are many heads, hearts and hands that make a place successful. TBS has been blessed over the years to have many significant contributors, including parents, faculty, administrative leaders, volunteers and volunteer coordinators, coaches, and mentors.

TBS has been doubly blessed to have many people wearing multiple hats and carrying the multiple responsibilities referenced above. Our paid staff often go above and beyond the call of duty by “volunteering” and regularly working past their expected hours becomes the norm.

Words can never adequately express the gratitude we have for these committed community members. We all benefit from the results of their efforts. We are fortunate to have many to thank, as well.

Over the past six years, few have had as deep an impact as Beth Wing. She has been a dutiful parent without doting on her two talented sons (in public!). As the first *Exercise Science Department Chair*, she has developed a complete K-12 physical education curriculum. As an *Athletic Director*, she is second to none representing the school with the WIAA and as an officer for the *SeaTac League*.

Beth has been a key contributor to the successful implementation of the *Administrative Leadership Team* participating as a leader among leaders in helping run the school as the *Associate Dean of Students*. She regularly puts in a 40-hour work week by Wednesday and continues to work at the same pace through Saturday. In her spare time, Coach Wing develops and runs the *FUEL League*!

As the coordinator of the *Crusader Squad*, Beth has set a standard for home game operations that separates TBS from its competition. And somehow, while all of that is occurring, she puts excellence on the court coaching the girls’ basketball program.

Yet, the place where she has the most meaningful impact is in her mentorship with students. Her love of students is part of the heart work that makes TBS a special place. This is where Beth exercises her faith, and the work has become her ministry.

These are just the large-scale contributions Beth has made through the years, not including her past role as *Facilities and Transportation Manager* or most recently as our on campus COVID liaison. We could spend months appreciating the impact of Beth and the Wing family’s involvement at TBS.



And, unfortunately, we will get that chance as we close the 2020-21 school year to say goodbye and celebrate Beth's accomplishments at TBS. In her own words:

With a sad heart...I will not be able to renew my contract going into the 2021-2022 school year...

My husband [Tracy] and I have contemplated for a couple years on the timing for us to move back to Spokane to help take care of our families and be a bigger support system to them. Although we know the timing is never going to be good, we feel this is the right time and the right decision. Putting God and family first, can never be a wrong choice, but it is still very hard to leave a school that I love, friends that I have made, colleagues I respect, and the students and girls I have taught, coached, and love.

I want to sincerely thank you for the support and the opportunities that you have provided me during the last six years. It has been a blessing for me to serve Tacoma Baptist Schools and I am more than grateful for the encouragement and help you have given me over the years.

We are grateful for Beth's professionalism in affording TBS the time to grieve her departure and celebrate her achievements during this transition. She has spent the last few weeks meeting with many of you and sharing her decision with you directly. We now feel that it is the appropriate time to inform the entire TBS community.

We welcome your thoughts, prayers, and well-wishes for Beth and her family as we look to replace a key contributor to the success of TBS. Our ability to grow beyond Beth's considerable role will be a testament to her work and statement to her legacy.

Sincerely,

The TBS Board of Directors