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Dear Members of the Seven Hills and Springer Communities,

We are proud to announce a historic agreement that will be important for both of our communities: The Seven Hills School will be selling its Doherty Campus in East Walnut Hills to Springer School and Center.

Seven Hills will continue to occupy the Doherty Campus through the summer of 2027, after which its teachers and students will unify with their peers in a newly constructed Lower School on Seven Hills' 50-acre Hillsdale Campus in Madisonville. In July 2027, the former Doherty Campus will become home to Springer School and Center's rapidly expanding high school program. This partnership marks an important step forward for Seven Hills and Springer alike, helping each institution to build its future and to better live out its mission.

Both Seven Hills and Springer have proud legacies and deep roots in Cincinnati. In 1906, Mary Harlan Doherty founded the College Preparatory School (CPS) to prepare young women for higher education. In 1974, CPS was one of three schools that merged to form The Seven Hills School, with the Doherty Campus becoming home to one of the school's lower divisions. A co-educational PreK-12 college preparatory school, Seven Hills engages hearts and minds, guiding each student to cultivate their unique capabilities and preparing each for a meaningful role in a rapidly changing world. With a legacy as a school that reaches back to 1884, Springer School and Center empowers students with learning disabilities to lead successful lives. The school is nationally renowned for its approach to students with dyslexia and other learning issues. Springer has called Hyde Park home since 1981, and acquiring the Doherty Campus means its high school will be located within a mile of its existing campus.

Seven Hills and Springer will each benefit greatly from this agreement, as it will give us the facilities necessary to best serve our respective students and communities. We likewise believe that this agreement will be of benefit to East Walnut Hills itself, as the continued presence of a school on the Doherty Campus contributes to the character of this historic neighborhood.

We have many people to thank for this partnership, and would in particular like to recognize the Boards of Trustees at both Seven Hills and Springer for their vision and stewardship. Seven Hills Board Chair Lair Kennedy says of this decision: "First as CPS and then as Seven Hills, the Doherty Campus has been an educational institution in the East Walnut Hills community for more than a century. It was a priority of the Board to find a buyer that would honor the legacy of this historic campus and remain a good neighbor to the community. I'm proud to say that with Springer School and Center, we found that."

"With the purchase of this campus, Springer now clearly establishes a commitment to serving students through high school. There are students and families of every age who need Springer. We are proud to have a home to expand service of our mission," said Springer Board Chair Mike Wright.

Over the next two years, our schools will have many opportunities to celebrate this decision and to pass the torch from Seven Hills students to Springer students. We are grateful that Seven Hills and Springer have found a way to support each other in their respective missions, and we look forward to the many developments that these next few years will bring.

Sincerely,

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