

Over the course of this year Friends School Community board and Strategic Planning Committee came together to work on our strategic framework. We connected with Friends School staff, faculty, trustees, founders and alumni, as well as every current student in the school to ask them all to share their opinions about what they love about the school and what their hopes and dreams for the school are. We learned a lot about what is important to all of you, what you value and what you wish for. Thank you all for being part of this inspiring process.

You confirmed how much community and relationships with teachers are cherished and that social emotional work remains at the heart of what you value about the Friends School experience. We heard that you would like to be a more diverse community and that in a dream scenario you would like to be all together on a unified campus. We identified creativity and curiosity as being central to everything we do. And, we found that for a small school our impact on the world is disproportionate to our size, calling to mind the imagery of ripples in a pond.

This has been an ambitious, creative, community process. We hope that you are as excited and energized by it as we, the faculty, staff and board at Friends School all are as we look to the future.

We invite you to join us in the exciting journey ahead.

Warmly,
Honor Taft

WE WILL

CONNECT
Relationships
ELEVATE
Creativity
INSPIRE
Curiosity
SHINE
Impact



We will CONNECT

By:

- Holding relationships at the heart of learning between students, across grades and between students and teachers.
- Deepening connections and strengthening commitment within the Friends School Community. #LoveOfBeingIncluded
- Building connections with the wider Boulder community and developing partnerships for increasing diversity and service learning as we foster global citizenship skills.
- Working to make our school and community more welcoming, accessible and inclusive for a diverse range of students and families.



Because relationships are at the heart of personal growth, learning, perspective, life success and happiness.

RELATIONSHIPS

We will ELEVATE

- Creativity and curiosity to the apex of the Friends School experience through an increase in Project Based Learning.
- Our diversity of perspective by welcoming more diverse students and families.
- Friends School's financial position in order to able to embark on the big dreams of a unified campus and Friends School as a center for creativity and collaboration in our community.



Because we are in this together, expanding possibilities and creating new solutions.

CREATIVITY

We will INSPIRE

- Curiosity in our students, empowering them to drive their own learning, lifelong, based on their intrinsic curiosity and critical thinking.
- Our teachers to grow and learn and be the best in their field by investing in professional development.
- Our students to be their best selves, creating their own agency and global advocacy as graduates.



Because our hope for the future lies in our children being curious and creative... and always asking "why?".

CURIOSITY

We will SHINE

By:

- Proudly celebrating the Social/Emotional core of Friends School.
- Finding new ways to communicate the extraordinary learning going on in our classrooms.
- Sharing the continuing journeys of our Friends School alumni and our Teacher Preparation Program graduates.
- Exploring new and exciting ways to tell our story outside of our community, to share our joy and embrace our identity as a small, progressive, heart-centered school.



Because Friends School positively impacts our world.

IMPACT

Our graduates are our gifts to the world. They are:

- **CURIOUS**
- **COMPASSIONATE**
- **CREATIVE**
- **ADVOCATES**
- **COLLABORATIVE**
- **... and FRIENDS**
- **RESILIENT**

