

## A Letter from the Chair of the Accreditation Committee

“We are grateful to the entire Foote community for their extraordinary efforts in crafting an excellent Self-Study and welcoming us so warmly. We would like to thank the students at Foote for their hospitality. They were so helpful in getting us to where we needed to be on campus and only too eager to talk in glowing terms about their experiences at Foote. We thank the faculty and staff who welcomed us into their classrooms and offices with notable expertise, boundless enthusiasm, and an eagerness that impressed each Committee member. Those visits afforded the Committee a robustly deep understanding of Foote that can only occur when you see a school through its everyday life of classrooms, athletic fields, labs and offices. Administrators, parents, and trustees were generous with their time and helpful with their good insights and perspectives on the School. Finally we thank Head of School Carol Maoz for hosting a warm, informal, and very informative opening reception and dinner at the School. We also thank her for her openness, availability and collegiality both before and during our stay at Foote. Carol's strong leadership, expertise and tireless commitment are readily apparent throughout the life of the school.”

Mark Griffin, Chair of the Visiting Committee

*This letter has been condensed from the original version.*

### Major Commendations

1. The Visiting Committee commends the Board of Trustees for their vision and steadfast leadership during the recently completed substantial building project and their support for both the administration and faculty to embark on a major academic review of the School's curriculum and a comprehensive curriculum mapping initiative.
2. The Visiting Committee commends the Board of Trustees for their strong support of the Head of School and Administrative team. It also commends the Board's demonstration of a true balance of governance and managerial autonomy for the school's administrative leadership.
3. The Visiting Committee commends the administration and faculty of the School for their role in continuing the excellence of the program for children, while a number of notable transitions and challenges were faced and resolved by the Foote School leadership and community.
4. The Visiting Committee commends the School for designing a comprehensive and challenging program that flows from and in turn supports its mission and motto “Gladly will I learn and gladly teach.”
5. The Visiting Committee commends the School for its comprehensive “Reflections” section of the Self-Study.
6. The Visiting Committee commends the Head of School for her visionary leadership, commitment, “Open Door” policy and clear role as the School's instructional leader.

### Major Recommendations

1. The Visiting Committee recommends that the School continue its initial, strong effort on both the curricular review and curriculum mapping initiatives. These efforts are pivotal in meeting the goals of the School's master academic planning and philosophical beliefs.
2. The Visiting Committee recommends that the substantial stability measures designated and implemented by the Board of Directors and Administrative Team be sustained and enhanced. The faculty is visibly appreciative of the recent, positive, and predictable conditions at the School, and are hopeful that they will continue to remain this way.