



January 14, 2026

Dear Members of the Aloha Community,

With gratitude and appreciation for Vanessa Riegler's leadership at the Aloha Foundation over the last fourteen years, the Board of Trustees acknowledges her decision to step down as Executive Director in April 2026.

Vanessa's tenure has been characterized by her dedication to the Foundation and its programs, staff, campers, families, and alumni. Under her leadership and in partnership with the directors and staff, the Aloha Foundation has rebuilt enrollment, stabilized and strengthened its finances, and placed renewed emphasis on program quality, safety, and staff support. She has positioned the organization well for the future.

Vanessa will continue to lead the organization, oversee preparations for the 2026 summer season, and support our staff and directors through April, working in close partnership with the Board to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

The Board of Trustees will soon begin a comprehensive, national search for the Aloha Foundation's next Executive Director, and is working to identify an interim leader to bridge the gap between Vanessa's departure and the arrival of her permanent successor. We will share more information about the search process and timeline in the coming months and look forward to engaging the community in the process.

While we are sad to see Vanessa leave, the Aloha Foundation's future is bright: the camper experience is thriving, enrollment is growing, our financial footing is more secure, our donor community is engaged, and our camps and programs are led by experienced, mission-driven staff. We are confident in the Foundation's continued ability to offer transformative experiences for campers, families, and schools.

We will keep the community updated throughout the search process. For now, I hope you will join the Board in thanking Vanessa for her many years of service.

With appreciation,

Jennifer Mogck

Chair, Board of Trustees of The Aloha Foundation