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Dear Oxbow Community,

On behalf of the Oxbow Board of Trustees and our Faculty and Staff, we are thrilled to announce the appointment of Jennifer Jordan to the role of Oxbow Head of School. After thirteen years with the school as an English teacher and Academic Dean, and five months of great work serving as Interim Head of School, the Board unanimously voted to elect Jennifer into this role.

Jennifer is a thought leader in progressive education, a passionate advocate for the arts, and an experienced administrator. Prior to her tenure with the Oxbow School, she worked as an English Teacher at the Bromfield School in Harvard, Massachusetts and Souhegan High School in Amherst, New Hampshire, and as a Master Teacher at The Derryfield School in Manchester, New Hampshire. Jennifer graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke College and her Masters degree in Education from UMASS, Amherst.

Jennifer's engagement, curiosity, warmth, vision, and dedication to the school make her the leader Oxbow needs to build on its strengths, drive new growth in the next chapter of the school's story, and successfully fulfill our Strategic Plan. We have been uniquely privileged to see Jennifer inhabit this role already, and could not be more confident, or more excited, to have her take it on in a permanent capacity. Oxbow is a special place—the only visual-arts focused semester program in the United States—and it is fitting that the school's newest leader has been shaped by the program just as much as she herself has shaped it, one who will continue the best of Oxbow's past while leading the school into the future.

Thanks to her long relationship with Oxbow School, Jennifer brings deep knowledge of every element of the program with her into this role, from leadership of the Faculty, to student and residential life, to Board governance and business management. In her time as English Teacher and Academic Dean at Oxbow, Jennifer taught the core integrated Humanities class, guided the project-based curriculum, and overseen the student academic and residential experience. As a lead administrator, she actively collaborated in the admissions process, faculty professional development, strategic planning, and liaising with the Board of Trustees. Over the last five months, as Interim Head of School, Jennifer has overseen all aspects of the school's leadership and administration. In this time she successfully led the school's 2019 accreditation, hired new Faculty members, hosted major development events, and has dramatically expanded the school's network of educators and community organizations.

Our community looks forward to supporting Jennifer, and we are confident that Oxbow will continue to thrive under her leadership. Please join us in congratulating Jennifer in her new role.

Beth Karpfinger
Board Chair

Daisy Linden
Board Vice Chair