To: University of Chicago Laboratory Schools Community  
From: Daniel Abebe and Jason Tyler, Co-chairs, Lab Search Advisory Committee  
Date: September 16, 2020  
Subject: Update on Laboratory Schools Director Search

We hope that the new school year has started well for you and your families. We write to provide an update on the search process to identify the next director of the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools.

The search process will be guided by the Lab Search Advisory Committee, which is designed to be broadly representative of Lab’s outstanding, diverse, and deeply-committed community. As committee co-chairs, we are pleased to announce the Search Advisory Committee members:

**Lab Search Advisory Committee**

- Tracy Aiden, Lead Teacher and N-2 Faculty
- Sylvie Anglin, Lower School Principal, Parent
- Paul Beckmeyer, High School Principal
- Derek Douglas, University Vice President, Lab Board member, Parent
- Lena Jessen, MBA’04, Lab Board member, Parent
- David Kistenbroker, Dechert LLP, Lab Board Chair
- Dan Kraemer, IA Collaborative, Parent
- Sam Nekrosius, MA’03, Middle School Faculty and Advisor, Parent
- Gabriel Presler, MBA’05, MPP’05, Morningstar, Parent
- Iris Romero, MD, University Faculty, Parent
- Lynn Sasamoto, LAB’79, AB’83, Associate Director, Lab Admissions, Parent
- Amir Sufi, University Faculty, Parent
- Andrea Wishom, Skywalker Holdings, LLC, Lab Board member, Parent
- Jessica Yagan, Impact Engine, Parent
- Daniel Abebe, MA’06, PhD’13, University Vice Provost (co-chair)
- Jason Tyler, LAB’89, MBA’99, Northern Trust, Lab Board member, Parent (co-chair)

- Staff to the Committee: Dillan Siegler, LAB’91, MBA’00, University Associate Provost

On behalf of the Lab community, the role of the committee will be to articulate the opportunities and challenges at Lab today, and the qualities, qualifications, and experience sought in a new director. The committee also will help identify, evaluate, engage, and interview candidates with the greatest potential to be effective and successful in leading Lab. Two members of the committee—David Kistenbroker and Jason Tyler—served on similar committees for prior director searches and will help ensure that knowledge and insights acquired during those processes are carried forward.

**Engagement with the Lab Community**

The Search Advisory Committee, in conjunction with consultants from Storbeck Search & Associates, will engage Lab’s constituencies—parents, guardians, and students, and Lab’s faculty,
administrators, and alumni, among others—to hear your insights on the characteristics you would most like to see in the next director and inform the development of the Lab director position profile. To begin this process, we encourage you to complete this short survey, and to share your comments, suggestions, and advice at any time during the search process by writing to LabSearch2020@uchicago.edu. More information will be forthcoming about additional opportunities to share your views.

Finally, we have created a Lab Director Search website with additional information about the members of the Search Advisory Committee and our team of search consultants. The website will be regularly updated with search developments, messages to the community, and other search-related information. As our important work formally begins, we will continue to provide written updates to keep you informed throughout the search process.