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## A Letter from our CEO: Honoring This Year's Inauguration

Dear Northwood Community:

What an emotional day for our nation. Today's inauguration of President Biden and Vice President Harris was clear in its message of hope, unity, equality, inclusiveness, and dignity for all. This comes to our nation in upheaval, grappling with a damaging history of racial injustice and a divisive presidency.

In a time that the status quo is being kicked to the sidelines, we watched Kamala Harris ascend to take her rightful place in our White House. Our first woman and woman of color sends the clear message that the top is no longer for the privileged few. Vice President Harris is a symbol of potential to our daughters who now get to look, with their impressionable eyes, at a black woman who helps rule the world! This is historic on so many levels that we get goosebumps watching her.

The heartfelt message from our new President about uniting and serving all people brings the refreshing message to our nation who feels divided and disheartened. No matter your politics, there is a hope for a rebuilding of our nation's democratic ideals.

To round it out with the eloquent and beautiful powerhouse poet, Amanda Gorman, was a gift. Her words "When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it," were breathtaking and captured our moment in time.

With all of this, we at Northwood acknowledge our history in its fullness; we embrace the hopes and dreams that can only be found through uniting and believing in the potential of ourselves and each other. We recognize and welcome this honor and responsibility to hold up the values of our nation through our school community.

Feeling Energized,

Mrs. Amy Hollister

CEO