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Dear Friends,

As we welcome the new year, we are writing with an update from Wayfinder Schools. Over the years, Wayfinder has helped hundreds of Maine teens reach their graduation goals and become contributing members of their communities. We now serve more than 70 Maine youth each year. We couldn't do it without the support of our friends and neighbors, and we thank you for being a friend to the schools.

Because 100% of our students require tuition assistance, we rely heavily upon individual and private foundation support to help our students succeed. As part of our long-term strategic and sustainability plans, we have been exploring more efficient use of our New Gloucester campus, including the lower campus on Short Bennett Road. In recent years, all students have been housed at our upper campus on Gloucester Hill Road, which includes more than 100 acres and seven buildings, and we have leased the lower campus to other entities.

Recently, we were approached by another non-profit, Morrison of Maine, that was interested in purchasing the Snowe and Welch Houses on our lower campus. We are thrilled that these buildings have the chance to be fully utilized again, while helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of Wayfinder Schools.

The Morrison Center works with Mainers of all ages who have disabilities. They have been serving the greater Portland area for more than 60 years and also have sites in Scarborough and Wells. Their mission is *to provide comprehensive programming, individualized supports, and employment services for people of all ages with disabilities within a dynamic learning environment and to empower its consumers and students to achieve maximum personal growth and independence.*

The Board of Directors has accepted Morrison's offer and we are pleased to be able to welcome them as our neighbors in 2018. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions.

With warm wishes for the new year,

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Paul Andrews  
Executive Director

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Don Russell  
Board Chair