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Vermont Commons Hosts Reception for New Head of School

Vermont Commons School hosted a reception at ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center on Tuesday, August 18th to welcome Peter B. Gilmore as the new Head of School. More than 100 parents, faculty, alumni and friends of the school were in attendance including VCS founders Bob and Marley Skiff, Rob Skiff, and Leah Mital Skiff. The Skiff family founded Vermont Commons School in 1997.



“We are all so happy to have Peter at the helm,” noted Mary Hamilton-Homer, Chair of the VCS Board of Trustees. “His beliefs and educational philosophy are in total alignment with Vermont Commons’ mission and vision.” The mission of Vermont Commons School is to provide a vision of education that crosses traditional boundaries and develops ecological citizenship, with the goal of empowering students with the knowledge, character, skills and moral vision necessary to become responsible, pro-active members of the world community.

Mr. Gilmore comes to VCS from the Friends School in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was the Upper School Principal for the past seven years. He has 25 years of experience in independent school education ranging from administration and development to teaching and coaching. He earned his B. A. in History from Holy Cross and his M. Ed. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard. His remarks during the reception focused on the importance of having an independent school option in



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Vermont and his enthusiasm for the VCS mission and the school's future. "I'm looking forward to helping this great school become an exceptional school," said Gilmore.

Peter and his wife Cynthia made the move from Baltimore to Shelburne this summer. Their daughter, Eliza, starts at Middlebury College this fall. Their son, Nate, is a junior at Tufts University in Boston.

About Vermont Commons School: Vermont Commons School is an independent day school for students in grades 7 – 12. The school offers a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum that includes a focus on community service and experiential education. The mission of the Vermont Commons School is to provide a vision of education that crosses traditional boundaries and develops ecological citizenship, with the goal of empowering students with the knowledge, character, skills, and moral vision necessary to become responsible, pro-active members of the world community. For more information, please visit www.vermontcommons.org.

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