



September 8, 2021

Dear Hochstein students, families, faculty, staff, donors, volunteers, and friends,

On Tuesday evening, September 7, I announced to Hochstein Faculty and Staff and the Board of Directors that this will be my last school year as President and Executive Director.

This fall marks the beginning of my 40th school year on the administrative staff at Hochstein; I joined the faculty 3 years before that. Several months ago I informed the Executive Committee of the Board that I plan to retire June 30, 2022 – 2 days shy of 30 years of my appointment as President in 1992. For many reasons, it's the right time for me to step away – though I can't say it will be easy!

I am deeply honored and grateful to have worked with our amazing faculty, staff, and Board for all these years – truly a shared labor of love. My gratitude is also to all our wonderful students and families who make Hochstein so special, and to all the donors and friends who are so supportive of our School. This organization – made up of all the accomplished and dedicated people I've had the privilege to work with over the years – means so much to me.

A special committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Board has been meeting for several months to create a search plan, including a proposed Search Committee, position description, how/where the position will be posted, and a suggested timeline. A key principle of the plan is providing opportunities for Hochstein stakeholders to have input into the decision-making process. More information about the process will be shared along the way.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Hochstein community! I wish you a productive, rewarding, fun year ahead, and I look forward to sharing many exciting concerts, recitals, and other events with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peggy".

Peggy Quackenbush