



Dear Friends,

I hope that you are doing well, or as well as can be expected as we mark a year since COVID-19 changed our lives forever.

I have some personal news to share. I have decided to leave Edible Schoolyard NYC at the end of this school year. I've been at ESYNYC for over eight years now, and it's been an incredible honor and joy to lead the organization and see the impact that we have had in partnership with our schools and communities. But it feels like the right time to move on, even though it's incredibly hard to leave a place that has been such an important part of my life for so many years.

This is absolutely not goodbye, and I will be here through the end of the school year. I am so incredibly proud of the work that we are doing at the moment, and how the organization has responded to this crisis and is making sure that we are there for our school communities. Our program is strong and vibrant, and I feel so good about where we are as we prepare for this change in leadership. We also have an amazing and dedicated team both on the program and development side. As the organization prepares for new leadership, I know that we will continue to grow and build our impact.

I am giving a very long notice period to ensure a seamless transition. The Board has hired Kate Holman, a recruitment consultant, to manage the search process. John Lyons, our Board Chair, will be leading the search, along with a multi-functional board and staff committee. Change is always hard but I feel really good about the process we have designed and that it will be as smooth as possible. John will be in touch as we get closer to finding a successor. In the meantime, we welcome candidates and you can find the job posting on our [website](#).

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. It truly has been, and continues to be, an honor to work for Edible Schoolyard NYC and with each and every one of you.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate'.

Kate Brashares

