



QUADPREP
THE QUAD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear Quad Prep Community,

As public discourse around neurodiversity, and in particular, autism once again enters the national spotlight, we want to take a moment to affirm the principles and purpose that guide our work with our twice-exceptional students.

Our students are growing up in a moment shaped by both extraordinary polarization and incredible possibility. And yet, we know — deeply — that our students are not defined by the fears or misunderstandings of others, but by their brilliance, their curiosity, their complexity, and their potential.

In light of recent public statements that have characterized autism in ways we find extremely troubling, we feel it's important to express our perspective. While we understand that public figures may hold a variety of views, we believe that framing autism or any form of neurodiversity as a disease or an epidemic is not only inaccurate, but dangerous. It misrepresents the lived experiences of neurodiverse individuals, ignores the exceptional power of difference, and undermines the progress that has been made toward understanding, inclusion, and acceptance.

Our students are exceptional not despite their neurodiversity, but because of it. They are dynamic, intellectually vibrant thinkers whose ideas, passions, and insights make our community — and our world — stronger.

We believe that schools must be places where every learner is celebrated for exactly who they are. Schools must center learners' strengths and support them in their challenges. We believe that every child deserves a learning environment rooted in respect, empathy, high expectations, and ceilingless learning.

At Quad Prep, we will continue to live out our mission to transform the experience of school for twice-exceptional students. We will continue to be committed to creating neuroinclusive spaces where every community member belongs, where difference is embraced and potential cultivated. We will continue to empower our students with the skills to find success in the futures of their choosing. And, we will double down on our commitment to advance neuroinclusive futures beyond our walls. As always, we proudly stand with our students, our families, our staff, and the neurodiverse community.

Sincerely,

Kim Busi, M.D.
Founder and Head of School