



**FOUNDER &
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:**
Virginia Stapleton

Oct. 29, 2019

Dear Stapleton School families and friends:

**MANAGING
DIRECTOR:**
Sharon Burns

On September 14, we honored the wonderful people who helped us build our beautiful, spacious new facility. We unveiled donor plaques in the front lobby and dedicated studios and rooms with names of key benefactors. Those who were in attendance heard me express my eternal gratitude. I'd like to again express my thanks—on behalf of the Board, the staff, the faculty and students – to everyone who has helped us get to where we are today.

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A year ago, I wrote to you and shared that we were working on paying down the \$350,000 debt created by our move. I'm thrilled to share that we are more than halfway there! Your generosity continues to inspire me and allows us to create exciting ballet, theatre, and singing programs.

Your donations this year will help us pay off the remaining balance on our construction loan and make improvements to our studios. And, perhaps most importantly, your philanthropy will help us sustain our financial aid program.

All donors who give before November 15 will be recognized in the printed programs for *The Nutcracker*. We appreciate gifts of any size. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible gift. You can also visit www.stapletonschool.org to make your gift online. Every dollar goes a long way.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia Stapleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "V".

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