

We have exciting news to share about Yellow Wood Academy and its senior management team:

For the past six years, the school has benefited from the exceptional guidance and experience of our Chairman of the Board, Mike Haykin. And now, I am pleased to announce that Mike will be joining our school as President and will be overseeing all aspects of the educational programs and faculty effective mid-June, 2017.

A bit about Mike's extraordinary professional background: As director of the Learning Support and Counseling Department at Seattle Academy for the past 19 years, Mike has developed highly effective support programs for college bound students. These programs currently support 190+ students in grades 6-12 at Seattle Academy. Mike also provides workshops covering a wide range of issues that parents and educators face every day. Mike's insights and presentations on adolescent development, executive functioning, stress, inattention and learning differences will help shape programs and professional development for Yellow Wood's continued commitment to serving learners with diverse needs.

Mike is coauthor of three books: *The Administrator's Desk Reference of Behavior Management*, *Meaningful Work*, and *Leadership in Behavior Support*.

Mike's depth and breadth of experience spanning 38 years will be leveraged to continue the expansion of both one-to-one and small group learning as well as building new programs that will support parents and young adults beyond high school.

Mike will resign his board position as he joins the staff. Andrew Ackley, a current Board member and Seattle area attorney with Stritmatter, Kessler, Whelan, Koehler, Moore, Kahler, has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Board.

Please join me in welcoming Mike to the Yellow Wood Academy family of extraordinary educators. You'll be hearing soon from Mike as he articulates his vision of the school.

Warm regards,



Jan Schrag
CEO, Yellow Wood Academy