

To: UTS Community – staff, parents, students, alumni, past parents, past staff  
From: UTS Board of Directors  
Date: February 10, 2011  
Subject: UTS Board of Directors Appoints New Principal



We are delighted to announce that following an international search, the University of Toronto Schools' Board of Directors has approved the appointment of Rosemary Evans as Principal, effective July 1, 2011, for a term of five years. She will succeed Michael Robertson, who is retiring at the end of her five-year term on June 30, 2011.

Rosemary Evans is currently the Academic Head at Branksome Hall, an independent school in Toronto. In this role, she has been responsible for teacher professional learning and curriculum development from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Over the past twelve years she has been instrumental in the implementation of the three International Baccalaureate programs at Branksome Hall (Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma programs), which resulted in Branksome becoming a highly respected IB World School for all students. The transformation of the academic and co-curricular program for students was supported by enhanced faculty professional engagement and development. As a result, she has a deep understanding of the secondary and post-secondary educational environment, including unique programs like the one at UTS. As part of the Branksome senior leadership team, Rosemary has been involved in the implementation of many initiatives such as the integration of technology to support all aspects of school life, increased community connections and partnerships, and design and planning of new facilities. She is a well-known educator who presents regularly to local, national and international audiences of administrators, teachers and parents on such topics as curriculum design, critical thinking, inquiry based learning, and assessment practices.

Rosemary has a long-standing connection to UTS. As part of her teacher training at the Faculty of Education (FEUT) at the University of Toronto, Rosemary taught her first class as a teacher candidate at UTS with former history teacher Michael Gendron. She completed her Master's Degree in History at the University of Toronto and an MBA at the Rotman School of Management. Prior to her tenure at Branksome Hall, Rosemary served as a teacher, department head, Vice-Principal, and Curriculum Coordinator for Social Studies in two public school boards in Ontario. Rosemary also taught in the pre-service program at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE/UT), and was the recipient of a teaching excellence award. More recently she served on the Dean's Advisory Council at OISE/UT and received a 2010 Arbor Award from the University of Toronto for outstanding personal service to the university. She is the co-author of several history and Canadian Studies textbooks. Rosemary lives in Toronto with her husband Michael and daughter Heather.

The Principal Search Committee (composed of directors Sujit Choudhry '88 (Chair), parent Andrew Dalglish, past parent Cathy Mallove, Toronto District School Board Superintendent Gen Ling Chang and myself) has been working with search consultant Laverne Smith for several months. We began by asking you, the UTS community, about

what you felt was important to consider as we chose our next principal. The response was outstanding. Thanks to the many individuals who provided feedback and recommendations via our community survey and interviews. Thanks also to the Board of Directors, UTS Alumni Association co-presidents, UTS Parents' Association co-presidents, student co-captains, and teacher and staff representatives who met with us to share your thoughtful and valuable input. Your message was clear and consistent – to maintain and strengthen our position as Canada's pre-eminent high school for academically able students, UTS needs a highly experienced educator and communicator with a proven record of outstanding achievement, excellent academic credentials, and the ability and desire to work closely and collaboratively with our community.

Interest in the position of Principal was very high. We reviewed an extensive list of applicants from around the world and were privileged to interview a short list of candidates with outstanding credentials. Rosemary deeply impressed us with her remarkable breadth of educational and administrative experience and talent. She has an outstanding record of academic excellence, curricular innovation and strong administrative leadership. Her passion, warmth, intelligence and energy are inspiring. She is deeply committed to high academic standards, the personal development of each and every student, and an exciting, progressive environment for teachers and staff. As well, she has strong, established relationships with many educational institutions, including the University of Toronto and OISE/UT.

The Committee and the Board valued Rosemary's long standing interest and deep respect for UTS and what it has accomplished over the years, as well as her intuitive grasp of the school's mission and an understanding of the challenges we face. Rosemary is tremendously respected, valued and admired by teachers, students, parents, alumni and board members at Branksome Hall. She has been widely praised by the Branksome community for her energy, creativity, communication skills, strength, fairness, and commitment to collaboration.

Rosemary's previous experience at Branksome Hall and the East York and Peel District School Boards has equipped her to deal with UTS' unique environment. She is very familiar with UTS since her early days as a student teacher. Over the years, she has worked with a number of UTS faculty and staff and has a strong understanding of our employees' extraordinary professionalism, ability and dedication. Her track record demonstrates a keen commitment to the values of UTS, including academic excellence, co-curricular programming, a global perspective, a commitment to diversity and community service, intellectual integrity and an understanding of the competitive realities of high achieving students. We are very fortunate to have a Principal of her calibre to build on the strong foundation so ably laid by Michaele Robertson over the last five years.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to Michaele for all that she has done to contribute to the school's success during her tenure. Her contribution has been enormous and we are grateful for all that she has accomplished. Michaele and her team will be working with Rosemary to ensure a smooth transition, which will include opportunities to introduce Rosemary to the UTS community over the next few months.

On behalf of the Board and the UTS community, we extend a hearty welcome to Rosemary. We look forward to working closely with her as we embark on a new chapter in the school's history.

Best wishes,



Bob Lord, '58

Chair, UTS Board of Directors

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