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The Northwest School was founded in 1978 by three teachers who recognized that the quality of a school depends on the quality of its faculty. The school's culture is designed to respond to the new educational imperatives of globalization, technology, and the development of each child's creative capital. Alan Braun serves as Assistant Head of School. B.A. (History), Earlham College; M.Ed. (Teaching, Curriculum and Learning), Harvard University. In 1980, Alan began teaching Middle School, first in Delaware, at Wilmington Friends School, and then at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. Before moving to Seattle in 1991, Alan served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco, where he taught English at Hassan II University.

NW School is being very proactive in capturing the pulse of the real estate market particularly of adjacent properties. They are currently spread out and leasing four properties up and beyond their main campus (Tuscany Apartments for dining, an apartment building for boarding students, office space north of church on Bellevue and the gymnasium at First Baptist church.) To consolidate all these needs in one building would be very advantageous. In other words, they would love to buy our building out right. Given that we are not interested in selling, their needs (by priority) are as follows: gym, office space, dining space, and classroom space, with the gym being far and away their top priority. They continue to be very mission compatible in that they are here to stay, love our urban setting, and are very interested in establishing and maintaining strong relationships in the neighborhood. They care about what is happening. Clearly, the time is not right for partnering in a project but we should maintain close communication as we both grow and develop programs and ministries.