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Over the Moon Announces Change of Ownership

[Pine Bush & Middletown, NY] - [April 5th, 2025] - It is with gratitude and reverence that Over the Moon announces a significant transition in its leadership. After years of dedicated service, the current owner, Suzanne Russell, is passing the torch of ownership to Frank Nutt III & Valarie Petersen of New Wonders Learning Center (Middletown, Montgomery and Slate Hill) and School Time Children's Center of Walden, who share the same values, passion, and commitment to the mission of this beloved institution.

For Suzy, the decision to transition ownership has been quite difficult, as OTM has not only been a school but a true family. Over the years, she has poured her heart and soul into creating a nurturing, inclusive, and academically rigorous environment that has impacted the lives of countless students, families, and educators. The decision to step back was made with a deep sense of responsibility and love for the future of the school and its cherished community.

"I have been incredibly blessed to watch this school grow and thrive, and it has been an honor to serve the students and families who have entrusted us with their education," said Owner Suzy Russell. "While it is filled with deep emotion, I have come to the decision to pass on this responsibility, and I am confident that Frank & Valarie will continue to uphold the core values and vision of this institution and lead it into a bright future."

The new owners bring with them a wealth of experience and a shared vision for maintaining the strong sense of community and academic excellence that Over the Moon has come to be known for. Frank and Valarie are deeply familiar with OTM's culture and are excited to build on the strong foundation that has been laid over the years. Orange County Pediatric Therapy Group, also owned by Frank Nutt III, has shared office space with OTM for three years and they have provided trainings to OTM faculty and staff.

"We are deeply honored to take on this responsibility and excited to continue the journey that Suzy started," said Valarie. "Our goal is to not only preserve the traditions that have made Over the Moon so special but also to look ahead with fresh ideas and new opportunities for the students we serve. The future of this school is bright, and we are committed to fostering an environment of growth, creativity, and community for all."

The transition of ownership will take place late June 2025 and happen seamlessly. Both Pine Bush and Middletown Campus will be sold together and continue to service their communities and students without any disruption to Summer Camp or the upcoming school year. The current leadership will work closely with the new owners to ensure continuity and support throughout the process. Both the current and new owners share a mutual commitment to ensuring the school's ongoing success and the continued wellbeing of every student, family, and educator involved in the OTM community.

Over the Moon has always been more than just a place of learning – it is a family, a sanctuary for growth, and a place where memories are made. As this new chapter begins, the school community remains united by the shared values of compassion, excellence, and a commitment to shaping the next generation of leaders.

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