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*Teaching students with learning differences how to learn, how to be independent, and how to be successful.*

October 28, 2020

To The de Paul School Community:

It is with great pleasure to share with The de Paul School community that the Search Committee has recommended and The de Paul School Board of Trustees has approved Dr. Laurie Bottiger to be our next Head of School. As we started our search, we quickly found ourselves in the grip of COVID-19. In spite of that challenge, we had a good number of very capable candidates. I can only say that this is a testament of our school's reputation for changing the lives of children and families who find themselves navigating a life with learning differences.

As a member of the Search Committee and the Board Chair, I can assure you that we spent many hours working on this selection, and we believe Dr. Bottiger will work diligently to continue our mission while keeping an eye on our strategic objectives. Her love of students and faculty were apparent during her visits, and I believe Dr. Bottiger will be committed to supporting our Development and Admissions offices as well. The support she has received from both the Search Committee and the Board has been unanimous.

As a reminder to all, our Search Committee consisted of four current board members, two faculty members, and three past board members – one being an alumnus, one being a previous teacher, and one a Head of School at a local independent school. We worked together in wonderful fashion and left no stone unturned.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the candidates, who spent untold hours preparing for this process, to Dr. John Watson of Educational Directions, who helped us stay on course, and mostly to all of the members of the Search Committee. There was no ego in those meetings - only the desire to work together to find the best person for the Head of School position. I am confident that we have succeeded in that endeavor.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Laurie Bottiger. Her first day will be July 1, 2021. We look forward to collaborating with her to ensure the mission of the school and serving our kids!

Sincerely,

Angela M. Chumbley  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
The de Paul School