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

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Dear de Paul School Community,

The de Paul School has been a leader in education, serving children with learning differences since its inception 50 years ago. As a candidate, I was initially drawn to de Paul, as it so openly acknowledged the importance of using research-informed strategies to ensure each child meets academic and social success by understanding their learning differences and developing skills to surpass the challenges. During the interview process, I became more and more excited as I met the de Paul family! The warmth and sincerity across the community is contagious.

I look forward to leading the next era of The de Paul School. We have an incredible past and will ensure a bright future. The students, the parents, the faculty, the administrators, the alumni and the Board of Trustees were all clearly passionate about keeping de Paul loyal to its mission and reaching as many families as possible who would benefit from the strong programming.

We will ensure wonderful school days and years for our learners and their families. The thoughtfulness, the authentic commitment to the mission from all that I met, as well as the collaborative spirit left me genuinely inspired. I could not be more excited than to work collaboratively with this community. It will be an honor to serve as the next Head of School following the strong leadership of both Sister Anne Rita Mauck and Mr. Tony Kemper.

I look forward to meeting many of you and reacquainting with all those I met throughout the search process. I am both excited and eager to begin my tenure on July 1, 2021.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Laurie Bottiger