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Dear Friends of The Wesley School:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am delighted to announce the appointment of H. John Walter, III as the next Head of The Wesley School, beginning July 1. This appointment concludes a thorough search by Wesley's search committee (with the help of national search consultants, Educational Directions), along with the participation of the faculty, administration, staff, parents, students and alumni.

Wesley sought a strong leader with deep integrity, an outstanding academic background and a purpose-filled vision for the future of Wesley's educational mission, and a commitment to the values of community that our school holds so dear. With over twenty-seven years of experience as an educator, John Walter embodies all of these qualities and more.



In accepting his appointment as Wesley's new Head of School, John said, "I am proud and honored to lead a school of Wesley's caliber into the next phase of the school's evolution."

John has demonstrated an exceptional level of leadership during his extensive educational career at both the elementary and middle school levels. He is well known and respected for his evident love of students and his unwavering commitment to high-quality teaching and academic excellence. He is viewed by his colleagues and faculty members as someone who is extremely collaborative, fair and forward-thinking.

John is currently Head of School at St. Timothy's Preparatory School in Apple Valley, CA. He was brought in to turn around this struggling school, a task that he quickly and effectively accomplished. Working tirelessly with the support of the Board to address academic and curricular issues, John was able to strengthen fundraising opportunities and increase the school's visibility in the greater community.

The majority of John's career has been spent at Christ Church Episcopal School (CCES) in Greenville, South Carolina - a school that prides itself on being a leader among independent schools. John began at CCES as a teacher of English, Latin and Reading. His level of achievement in the classroom and dedication to students earned him the position of Director of Middle School and Assistant to the Head. John led the expansion team that supervised, planned and executed the creation of a state-of-the-art Middle School facility. He also supervised the school's re-accreditation committee for the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

John graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont with a major in American Literature and a minor in History. He received his Masters in Education with a concentration in English at Furman University. He has also studied at Oxford University and participated in numerous professional conferences and workshops.

John is eager to take on his new responsibilities and to build upon the strong foundation put in place during Wesley's past 11 years, including the accomplishments of our current Interim Head, Verena Denove. We are confident that John will be an outstanding Head of School and look forward to introducing him to you in the near future.

Warm regards,

Mosa Kaleel
Board Chair