



December 18, 2025

Dear Faculty and Staff, Students and Families, Trustees, Alumni, and Friends,

Over the past month, our Head of School search has continued with deep care and reflection. As we considered the path forward, it became clear that St. Michael's will be best served by extending our permanent search and naming an interim leader for 2026–27. With support from the Vestry and Rector, the Board of Trustees sought someone who knows our community and can offer continuity, stability, and mission-centered leadership throughout this transition.

With that in mind, and with great confidence, **the Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Matthew Teller to serve as Interim Head of School for a one-year term during the 2026–27 school year**, and the Vestry of St. Michael & All Angels Church has ratified this appointment.

Dr. Teller brings a deep understanding of St. Michael's and of education in Tucson. He currently teaches 5th grade Language Arts and has previously served St. Michael's as Associate Head of School and Director of Enrollment. Before joining our community, he led Green Fields Country Day School as Head of School and held additional instructional and administrative roles there. He holds a Ph.D. in Second Language Acquisition and Teaching from the University of Arizona, as well as graduate and undergraduate degrees from Georgetown University.

Dr. Teller offers St. Michael's both strong professional leadership and meaningful continuity. He understands our mission and Episcopal identity, our culture of joyful learning, and the importance of stability during transition. He is deeply respected by colleagues, admired by students, and known for thoughtful leadership and care for the whole child.

This appointment provides our community with the clarity and confidence necessary to continue our permanent Head of School search from a position of great strength. We expect to resume that search with renewed focus during the summer and fall of 2026, supported by the benefit of time, perspective, and momentum.

As we look toward the new year, our attention will also turn to celebrating and honoring Mr. Brendan Sullivan—his leadership, his accomplishments, and the lasting legacy he leaves at St. Michael's. There will be many opportunities for our community to thank him and to celebrate his extraordinary service to our school.

We enter this next phase grounded in gratitude: for Dr. Teller's willingness to serve, for Mr. Sullivan's continued leadership this year, for our faculty and staff who make our mission real each day, and for a community that continues to walk forward together with faith and purpose.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Vestry, thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your devotion to St. Michael's. We wish each of you peace, joy, and rest during this holiday season, and we look forward to the exciting work ahead as we continue shaping the future of this remarkable school.

With gratitude,

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Chair, Board of Trustees

The Rev. Cn. David Benedict Hedges, BSG
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