



May 29, 2026

Dear St. Michael's Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of St. Michael's School and the Vestry of St. Michael and All Angels Church, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Matthew Teller as the next Head of School for St. Michael's School beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

As you know, Dr. Teller initially agreed to a one-year interim position to lead the school during a renewed nationwide search. As Dr. Teller became more deeply engaged in the onboarding process and the challenges and opportunities facing the school, and after significant personal reflection, Dr. Teller informed the Search Committee that he felt called to additional years of service given his experience, institutional knowledge, and longstanding commitment to the mission of St. Michael's.

The search process has been deliberate and grounded in the mission and values of St. Michael's. Throughout the process, the committee remained focused on identifying the leader best positioned to guide the school through its next chapter — academically, operationally, spiritually, and institutionally. Following a formal interview and deliberation process, the committee, with the enthusiastic support of our consultants from The Education Group, concluded that Dr. Teller is the right leader for St. Michael's at this moment in the school's history. The Search Committee voted unanimously to advance Dr. Teller's candidacy to the full Board of Trustees, which subsequently voted to present Dr. Teller to the Vestry for final approval. The Vestry then voted to confirm Dr. Teller's appointment at its meeting on May 27th. We are grateful to our Search Committee for their extraordinarily thoughtful, insightful, and thorough work on this important task.

Dr. Teller has been a member of the St. Michael's community for many years – as a parent of two St. Michael's graduates, a former Associate Head of School, a former Director of Enrollment, and a member of the faculty for several years. He brings prior Head of School experience, significant admissions and administrative leadership experience, and a deep understanding of the academic, operational, spiritual, and cultural life of St. Michael's. His history and experience with independent schools in the Tucson area is especially valuable in the current environment.

While the Board understands and appreciates the value of a nationwide search, we and the consultants recognize that at this moment, we are foremost looking for an experienced servant leader with deep ties to and understanding of the independent school landscape in Southern Arizona and the Tucson community. As the committee began its work this spring, it became increasingly clear that success in the Head of School role depends not



only on the ability to lead a school, but on the ability to lead *this* school — a community with a distinctive culture, deep relationships, a historic campus, strong traditions, and important opportunities and challenges ahead.

In Dr. Teller, the school gains not only an experienced educator and administrator, but also a leader deeply committed to the mission and people of St. Michael's. Through his years working alongside faculty and staff, he has developed a deep appreciation for the care, professionalism, and dedication that define this community. The relationships and trust he has built across campus will allow him to move immediately into the important work ahead with continuity, collaboration, and enthusiasm.

As we look ahead, we have complete confidence in Dr. Teller's leadership and in the future of St. Michael's School. We move forward with gratitude for the extraordinary faculty, staff, families, alumni, parish leadership, and students who continue to strengthen this community every day. Please join us in congratulating and supporting Dr. Teller as he prepares to lead St. Michael's into its next chapter.

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