



Dear Christ Episcopal School Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Christ Episcopal School (CES), it is with great enthusiasm that I announce that John M. Murray, Ph.D., has been appointed the next Head of School, effective July 1, 2023. The appointment of Dr. Murray was unanimously recommended by the Search Committee and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Murray was selected from a strong and diverse pool of candidates following a comprehensive national search led by the highly regarded independent schools search firm The Education Group (TEG) and, specifically, our consultants Jay Philpott and Marci McLean. The Education Group's surveys found an overwhelming compatibility between Dr. Murray's experience on campus and the expectations of our parents, faculty members, and administrative staff. We are grateful for TEG's leadership, the tireless efforts of the members of our Search Committee, and especially the patience of our parent and faculty community throughout this process.

Dr. Murray's academic credentials include a bachelor's degree and a master's in education from The University of Virginia, a master's degree in private school education from Columbia University, and most recently a Doctor of Education degree from Auburn University, where he was the Clark National Graduate School Scholar Winner in 2010.

Dr. Murray comes to CES from Franklin Road Academy in Nashville, Tenn., where he has served as Dean of Academic Affairs since 2012. Dr. Murray brings a distinguished and multi-faceted educational career to CES spanning 30 years at independent schools and on the college level. He began his career as a science teacher and a soccer and tennis coach in Ohio and has served in various capacities at schools in Massachusetts, Alabama, and Tennessee, including as Dean, Head of School, and Head of Upper School, as well as directing tutoring services at Auburn University. He brings with him a wealth of experience with capital campaigns, independent school accreditation, faculty development, and educational programming.

In accepting the appointment, Dr. Murray expressed his strong desire to affirm and promote the mission of CES, work closely with faculty, and enrich the overall student experience. Dr. Murray and his wife, Krissy, are excited to immerse themselves in the St. Tammany Parish community and embrace the diverse opportunities for active and wholesome living that the Northshore provides.

Dr. Murray will succeed John Morvant, who, after 13 outstanding years of service, will step aside at the conclusion of this school year.

Please join the Board of Trustees as we welcome Dr. Murray and Krissy with open arms and full hearts and celebrate the future of Christ Episcopal School!

Very truly yours,

Brian D. Grubb
Chairman, Board of Trustees