



Charleston Day School

October 18, 2017

Dear Members of the Charleston Day School Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Search Committee, I am delighted to announce the selection of Judith Foley Arnstein as the next Head of School for Charleston Day School. The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to appoint Judith to lead our school beginning July 1, 2018.

The Search Committee was presented with outstanding candidates, and Judith stood out from the beginning. She has extensive experience in enrollment management and marketing, and she clearly has a deep appreciation for independent school education and the K-8 model in particular. From the moment we met Judith, we could see her enthusiasm and love for education. As she told us, "I am happiest when I am working on behalf of and in the midst of students - their energy and passion for learning brings out the best in every adult."

Judith holds a B.S. in Finance and Economics from Miami University of Ohio and an M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. After a career in investment banking in Chicago and New York, Judith was drawn into the independent school world by her own family's experience and switched to a career in independent school administration and leadership beginning at Providence Day School in Charlotte, NC.

Currently, Judith is the Director of Enrollment, Marketing and Financial Aid at Lake Forest Country Day School, a PK2-8 school outside of Chicago that is similar to Charleston Day School in size and mission. The Search Committee was impressed both by Judith's accomplishments and by her warmth and passion. Judith's experience in strategic planning, finance, and marketing, coupled with her enthusiasm for K-8 education, will prove to be assets to Charleston Day School.

Judith will be moving to Charleston with her husband, Peter, an executive coach and former investment banker. Judith and Peter have three children, Ben, Joe and Mary Alice, who live in California and Illinois. Their bearded collie, Charlotte, will also join them in Charleston. When Judith received her verbal offer, her initial response was "Charleston Day School feels like home." I hope you will join me in welcoming the Arnstein family to the Charleston Day School community.

On behalf of the Charleston Day School community, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Search Committee for their commitment to this extensive process. The



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leadership of Betsy Cahill and David Maybank was key to finding the best person for Charleston Day School. I also want to thank everyone who participated in this thorough engagement - faculty, administrators, parents, supporters and alumni. Many thanks to Tom and Ann Reid for their leadership and commitment to Charleston Day School in this important interim year. We are fortunate to have a supportive and engaged community.

Judith's passion for our mission, vision and culture is palpable. She is elated to be joining us, and we are thrilled to have her lead us in our beloved school's next chapter. Again, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to many more successful years of fostering scholarship, integrity, respect and responsibility in our children.

Sincerely,

Ellen A. Smith
Chair, Board of Trustees