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Dear Christ Episcopal School Community,

The Board of Governors of Christ Episcopal School is pleased and excited to introduce Dr. Mary Caroline Chapin as the next Head of School. At a special Board meeting held on December 7, 2009 the CES Board of Governors unanimously and enthusiastically approved the recommendation of the Head Search Committee to hire Dr. Chapin, beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year. The Christ Church Vestry has affirmed the Board's vote as required by our bylaws.

Dr. Chapin will bring with her to Christ Episcopal a distinguished educational background and a demonstrated record of achievement in Episcopal school education. A 1983 graduate of Emory University, Dr. Chapin obtained a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She received a Masters of Science from Florida State University in Early Childhood Education, Theory and Practice and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. She has two daughters, Leslie, a senior at Furman University and Emily, a high school senior.



We are confident that Dr. Chapin brings to CES key qualities we desired in a new Head of School as we outlined at the beginning of our search:

- People skills - a high "EQ" - with a love for children and those who serve them as parents and teachers. A responsive and non-defensive person who is highly attuned to where others are coming from and to listening first;
- A commitment to and familiarity with the ethos and unique mission of Episcopal schools;
- An enthusiastic and engaging personality with the ability to inspire the faculty, students and wider school community to greater excellence, balancing love with upholding accountability;
- An exemplary educator and experienced academic leader, who understands the particularities of early childhood, primary and middle school education;
- A collaborative and team building approach as an administrator and leader of faculty;
- A persuasive and articulate advocate for the school in the wider community, and a proven team builder who will help the Board, professional staff and parents to increase and maintain enrollment

The Board and I look forward to working with Dr. Chapin in the areas of finance, marketing, and development; focusing on the execution of key goals and initiatives in envisioning and preparing for the long-term future of the school. Our desire is for leadership, both on the Board and in the administration, to embrace CES as the unique community that it already is, to sustain the principal traditions of the school and to empower the school to adopt successful new programs and practices to broaden the school's base.

Dr. Chapin will formally commence her duties with us on July 1, 2010, but she will be making visits to our campus on several occasions between now and then. In the interim, Carol Shabe will continue her leadership of our school - including all aspects of planning and budgeting for the next academic year and, in close concert with Dr. Chapin and the Board's Transition Committee, will ensure that the transition of our professional leadership will be as seamless as possible.

We look forward to welcoming Caroline and her daughters into the Christ Episcopal School community. My very best wishes to all of you for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William R. Goetzenberger".

William R. Goetzenberger
Chair, Board of Governors