



KENTUCKY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Citizen, Scholar, Steward

Dear KCD Community,

On behalf of the Kentucky Country Day School Board of Trustees, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to announce the appointment of Peter B. Huestis as the new Head of School beginning July 1, 2019.

The board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Huestis based on the enthusiastic recommendation of the search committee. This appointment represents the culmination of an intense eight-month search process that had as its foundation an in-depth position description based on input from faculty, administration, parents, students, alumni, and board members. The search committee, with the counsel of the executive search firm Heads Up/Triangle Associates, considered more than 30 highly qualified educators from across the country in order to ensure their ability to identify the best individual possible to lead our school into the future.

Mr. Huestis rose to the top of the prospective candidate pool as a talented, skilled, and knowledgeable independent school leader with a strong philosophical alignment with KCD's mission. His wealth of expertise, collaborative leadership style, and commitment to the school's emphasis on nurturing the whole child as a Citizen, Scholar, and Steward identified Mr. Huestis as the candidate best equipped for the current and future needs of our fine school. His emphasis throughout the process on the importance of fostering open and regular communication across the many constituencies on campus was just one of many factors that led the committee to believe he would be the right person for the position. His passion, energy, and enthusiasm will serve our school well.

A native of Saint John, New Brunswick (Canada), Mr. Huestis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Bishop's University near Montreal and a Master of Science degree from Barry University in Miami, Florida. He has also completed coursework toward a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Educational Leadership at the University of New England in Portland, Maine.

Following several years of service in various roles in the world of amateur, collegiate, and professional athletic administration and coaching, Mr. Huestis turned to his passion: education. After seven years of outstanding service at Forsyth Country Day School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and three years as Upper Division Director at Casady School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mr. Huestis earned his first headship at Bayside Academy in Daphne, Alabama, in 2012. He has served as Head of School at Augusta Preparatory Day School, the position he holds today, since 2015.

As Chair of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank all the members of the Search Committee for their hard work, devotion, and extraordinary effort. The process was rigorous and thorough, and the committee never lost focus on the input received from across our school community. I want to offer special thanks to the Search Committee co-chairs, John Handmaker and Elizabeth Poindexter, for their leadership and unwavering commitment throughout this important endeavor. Their willingness to undertake such responsibility in the name of ensuring the school's future prosperity is truly appreciated by our entire community. I also offer a profound thank you to interim head of school Annie Glosky for her exemplary service as our current leader and for the critical role she played in support of the search process.

Peter will be joined by his wife, Betsy, their elder son, Xavier (11 years old, currently in 6th grade) and their younger son, Oliver (7 years old, currently in 2nd grade). On behalf of the Search Committee, please join me in welcoming the Huestis family to KCD! We look forward to showing the entire family what a special community they will soon be joining. Peter will be visiting campus several times before the end of the school year to begin getting to know members of our community and making preparations for a smooth transition.

I thank everyone in the community for your participation, your input, and your trust. It is truly an exciting time at Kentucky Country Day.

Respectfully,

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kentucky Country Day School