



# KENTUCKY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

*Citizen, Scholar, Steward*

Dear Kentucky Country Day School Community,



I am honored to be writing to you as KCD's next Head of School!

My first exploration of KCD, several months ago, was in the form of a look through the website. On the front page it states, “*You Can Do It All Here.*” The motto “*Citizen, Scholar, Steward*” is also prominent on the homepage. These are bold proclamations, and my recent visit to campus, inclusive of a quick tour with Ms. Harris, affirmed that KCD is, in fact, a school community where students can do it all and where I saw citizens, scholars, and stewards in action. Meeting students and faculty fully engaged in a Spanish lesson, focused during orchestra rehearsal, and preparing for a field hockey state championship game demonstrates that every student has an opportunity to discover and explore their passions. Spending a few moments with Mr. Rice in the Fab Lab indicates that students have opportunities to experiment and overcome obstacles in a collaborative environment that encourages mistakes as part of the learning process. Poised and confident students, like Rocco, welcomed me to each classroom that I visited in the Lower School as they explained what project or lesson was underway. As Mr. Foreman showed me around the library, it was clear

that providing flexible spaces for students to collaborate and engage in meaningful dialogue is critical to the student-centered experience at KCD.

At lunch an Upper School student, a good *citizen*, helped a Lower School student clean up a spill on their own accord—and I enjoyed some delicious broccoli casserole! Middle School students, each one a *scholar*, engaged in a lesson so deeply they barely noticed me step into the back of their classroom. And each student, or *steward*, I met takes pride in their school and is fully invested in the life of their school. In fact, the most animated conversation I had with students was when Mr. Martin introduced me to two seniors who were very upset that “crazy cake” was not on the lunch menu more often.

I want to thank the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees for supporting my candidacy and providing me an opportunity to work closely and effectively with the entire KCD community for years to come. I also want to thank the students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni who were an important part of the interview process last week. It will be a privilege to work closely with Interim Head of School Annie Glosky. She is an outstanding leader. I look forward to having Annie continue her leadership at KCD and to working with her during the transition and beyond. And thanks to Judy Schechtman and Rich Odell at Triangle Associates for guiding us all through a well-run search over the last eight months.

There is much to like about what is happening at KCD. The expectation of excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics combined with boundless opportunities to discover passions sets the school apart. The KCD mission and motto resonate with me both as Head of School and as Dad to two boys who will surely flourish at KCD. It is clear that the dedicated faculty and staff at KCD go beyond “college prep” by preparing young people to be leaders in life well beyond the classroom. I have discovered the joy of students, the commitment of faculty, and the investment of parents at KCD which have helped me see it is a place where my family and I will thrive.

My family and I are eager to invest fully in the students, faculty, staff, and families at KCD. While it was a pleasure to meet many of you on campus last week, we have a great deal to learn about each other as we honor the school's proud history, celebrate current successes, and plan for a very bright future. Betsy, Xavier (11), Oliver (7), and I look forward to visiting KCD in the coming months and moving to our new home town of Louisville during the summer of 2019.

With great excitement,

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