



Benilde-St. Margaret's

A Catholic, college preparatory school, grades 7 - 12

May 27, 2022

Dear BSM Community:

Over the past several months, BSM's President Search Committee has continued to assess applicants and interview candidates. As of today, we are still seeking the right permanent match to be Benilde-St. Margaret's next president. While the search continues, the Board of Directors wants to ensure continuity at the completion of Dr. Adam Ehrmantraut's tenure with BSM and present our plan in the event a long-term president is not yet named prior to his departure.

The BSM Board of Directors is pleased to announce that if needed, Meghan Lind DesLauriers '99 will serve as Interim President for Benilde-St. Margaret's. Dr. Ehrmantraut has graciously agreed to extend his end date to July 22, 2022, providing BSM with a smooth transition for Meghan's interim role beginning July 20. As Interim President, Meghan would serve until a permanent president is named for BSM, for a duration of up to one year.

As an alum of BSM, Meghan is very familiar with our community. She also has a clear understanding of BSM's strategic vision, having been on the Board of Directors from 2013 to 2019, serving as Board Secretary and chair of the Governance Committee. Meghan was named a BSM Distinguished Alum in 2019 and has remained active in the BSM community in many ways, most recently as keynote speaker at this year's alumni breakfast with the Class of 2022.

Additionally, Meghan has an impressive professional background. She spent twelve years practicing law at Dorsey & Whitney LLP, where she was a partner in the firm's trial group and held several firm-wide leadership positions. During her time at Dorsey, Meghan earned multiple accolades within the Minnesota legal community. A 2008 graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, she holds a bachelor's degree in English from Boston College. Meghan's husband Michael is also a BSM alumnus, and they have two daughters, ages three and six. The DesLauriers are members of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Edina.

We're incredibly fortunate to have a leader like Meghan willing to step into the role and guide Benilde-St. Margaret's during the coming months if needed. Meghan's deep history with BSM, relationships in the community, leadership skills, and professional experience all position her well to lead our school during this important search for the next President of BSM.

Please join us in thanking Meghan for her commitment to BSM and her willingness to accept this responsibility.

The Presidential Search Committee will continue to provide updates on the search progress in the coming months, and appreciate your patience as we endeavor to identify the right person to build upon the strong foundation we have at BSM, fulfilling our mission to educate, empower, and inspire our children so they continue to lead lives of faith, achieve academic excellence, and contribute meaningfully to the world around us. Please keep us and our efforts in your prayers.

Until then, we wish you God's blessings as you start your summer adventures.

Laura Portz, *Chair, BSM Board of Directors*
Biz McShane Murphy '96, *Search Committee Lead*