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## **ANABELLE MORGAN APPOINTED HEAD OF SCHOOL AT COMMONWEALTH ACADEMY**

[Alexandria, VA – December 18, 2018] After an extensive national search process, the Commonwealth Academy Board of Trustees is pleased to announce its unanimous decision to appoint Anabelle Morgan as the Head of School at Commonwealth Academy, beginning in July 2019.

Anabelle Morgan is a recognized educator with more than 25 years of experience, having served as a teacher and administrator at public and private schools in the DC area for most of her career. She is currently Head of Middle School for Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda, Maryland, where she oversees a faculty and staff of 40 and a student body of 240 students.

Commonwealth's Board considers Ms. Morgan uniquely qualified to lead Commonwealth Academy as it builds on its strengths as a premier college preparatory school for students with different learning styles. As an administrator, she has worked collaboratively with faculty to create curriculum, provide professional development opportunities and ensure a rigorous academic environment. As a teacher, trained Differentiated Instruction Specialist and Instructional Coach, she has worked closely with students diagnosed with learning differences, including ADHD, dyslexia, and memory and processing disorders.

Ms. Morgan is committed to ensuring the environment is welcoming and supportive not only for students, but for the entire school community. She has a passion for Commonwealth's mission, a clear sense of what makes it special, and a commitment to lead and support the school and its community as it continues to grow.

"This is an exciting moment for Commonwealth Academy which, over its 21-year history, has successfully established itself as one of the premiere college preparatory schools for students with different learning styles in the DC metropolitan area," said Jodie Kelley, Chair of the Commonwealth Academy Board of Trustees. "Ms. Morgan is a talented and passionate educator whose vision and record of integrity, collaboration, and commitment to the faculty she leads and the students she serves, makes her the right individual to lead Commonwealth into the future."

"I have admired Commonwealth Academy for quite some time. After visiting the school and meeting the wonderful students, parents and faculty, I was even more inspired. Everyone at Commonwealth lives its mission every day. It is a mission that reflects my own values as an educator: creating a rigorous, welcoming, learning environment anchored in a spirit of individuality and mutual respect," said Ms. Morgan. "I am excited to join this exceptional community of students, parents, faculty and staff. Together, we will build on Commonwealth's remarkable history, forward-thinking education, and collaborative spirit. I know we will accomplish great things together."

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