



Dear Families, Friends and Alumni of Heathwood Hall:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Search Committee, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Heath has accepted our invitation to become Heathwood Hall's Head of School.

Dr. Heath's appointment was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees at a meeting yesterday, following the recommendation of the Search Committee. Currently serving as the Assistant Head of School at the Catlin Gabel School in Portland, Oregon, Dr. Heath will begin his tenure at Heathwood Hall on July 1, 2012.

Dr. Heath has more than twenty years of experience in independent schools. Before moving to Catlin Gabel, he was a teacher and coach at the Felsted School in England, Director of Studies at St. Margaret's Episcopal School in California and Head of the Upper and Middle Schools at York Country Day School in Pennsylvania. Board and staff who met with Dr. Heath were impressed by his years of work with students, faculty and curriculum as well as his understanding and experience in the areas of finances, enrollment management, and development.

Dr. Heath earned his Ph.D at The University of Edinburgh, and holds a Masters in Literature from Oxford. He graduated from James Madison University in Virginia.

Dr. Heath and his wife, Dido, have three children: Harry (15), Annie (13) and Sophie (10). We will have several opportunities to greet the Heath family before the start of the next school year; those events will be announced during the spring.

This milestone in the history of Heathwood Hall is the result of a comprehensive search process. We are grateful to those who served as committee members during this search: W. Leighton Lord III (chair); Michael D. Amiridis; Linda J. Bell, MD; Johnnie McFadden, Ph.D.; Page Morris; Sally McKay; Mary Belser; Butch Bowers; Julie Hicks; Stan Wood; and The Right Reverend Andrew Waldo. We thank each of the parents, administrators, faculty, staff members, and alumni that participated in this very demanding process. Their hard work and dedication has brought to our School a leader with proven strength, experience, and vision.

With the selection of Dr. Michael Heath, I can say with confidence that the Heathwood community looks forward to a smooth transition and strong and stable leadership. I am excited about our future, and hope you will join me in welcoming Dr. Heath and his family to the Heathwood community.

Sincerely,
David C. Sojourner, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Trustees