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## **Christ Episcopal School, Rockville, MD Appoints New Head of School**

**ROCKVILLE, MD – MAY 20, 2020:** Christ Episcopal School Board of Governors announces the appointment of W. Paul Parker as its next head of school effective July 1, 2020. Parker's selection is the result of a rigorous nationwide search led by educational search consultant Acies Strategies and a Search Committee from the school.

Christ Episcopal School (CES) is a well-known, co-educational, independent Episcopal school serving students from age two to eighth grade. Established in 1966, the school operates as a mission of Christ Episcopal Church where they share a campus in downtown Rockville.

"We were inspired by the number of quality candidates who applied from across the nation to serve as CES next Head of School and are thrilled to have Paul Parker lead CES as we continue to grow and serve the greater community," said Jeff Whitman, Chair, CES Board of Governors. "Paul's experience in education is a perfect match for the current needs of CES. He founded and developed a PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade independent school in Silicon Valley and worked at the national level developing curriculum and programs for a national and international system of schools, both of which make him exceptionally qualified for this opportunity."

Paul comes to CES with over two decades of education experience, most recently as the Principal of a parochial K-8 school in Santa Fe, CA. He has a strong background in development of school programs and educational leadership. He has successfully lead three schools through multiple challenges while maintaining school growth and parent and faculty satisfaction – a foundation that will help lead CES in the future. Paul holds a Masters and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, TX.

*Academic excellence, respect and passion to serve are the inspiration for our community. At Christ Episcopal School, every student and parent is a priority, and every interaction is rooted in our CES promise: to nurture students to become kind, confident, well-rounded individuals prepared to contribute to their community and thrive personally, spiritually, and academically.*

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