

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Community,

It is with deep gratitude and great enthusiasm that I accept the invitation to become the next Head of School at St. Mary's Episcopal School. I am honored and humbled that the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees have selected me to serve such a wonderful community dedicated to supporting and educating the whole child in mind, body, and spirit.

From the moment I first read the Head of School position statement I sensed a unique alignment with the mission of St. Mary's and my own core values. Stepping on campus felt like home and confirmed my initial connection during the interview process. The Episcopal Identity of fostering joyful learning, thinking critically, demonstrating good character, and respecting the dignity of each individual permeated campus as students, parents, and staff lived out The St. Mary's Way!

I want to express my deep gratitude to everyone who has been part of the Head of School search process, including families, students, faculty, staff, and administration. Your involvement in this process was invaluable and helped me begin to understand the incredible community of St. Mary's. I want to particularly thank Ashley Weedn, Amy Costner-Lark, Deb Bryant, Father Mark Story, and the entire Search Committee and Board for their incredible investment of time and energy to the search process. I look forward to continued collaboration with them as the new school year approaches.

I am very eager to meet and build relationships with everyone in the St. Mary's community. I pledge that I will take time to listen and learn how I can best support the school mission, keep students first when making decisions and most importantly, continue to support and grow the family atmosphere that has already been firmly established. I wish one and all a safe and successful completion to the school year.

Warmest Regards,  
Michael Zeigler