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Head of School

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Dear O'Neal Families,

At this time of year, we are well underway in preparing for an extraordinary 2024 -25 academic experience at O'Neal. New families are joining our community while faculty professional development and curriculum plans are being made. The following announcements about the Middle and Upper Schools are indicators of the School's positive momentum for the future.

First, Head of Middle School and Assistant Head of School Miryah Walters will remain at O'Neal. In consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board, I asked Mrs. Walters to remain with the School to which she has devoted so much, and we are delighted that she accepted. During her time with the Middle School, the division has grown, and she has worked with an outstanding faculty to add programming that challenges and meets the needs of all the students during these important years. At the same time, athletics and the arts offerings and achievements are unmatched. We look forward to the division's continued success.

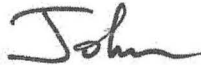
Sandy Boyd will be O'Neal's next Head of Upper School. Mr. Boyd is currently Head of Upper School at Salisbury School (MD), and we are fortunate to have found an experienced professional to oversee this division. A graduate of Presbyterian University, Mr. Boyd earned his M.A. from Appalachian State. Prior to Salisbury, he held several roles at Carolina Day School, including Assistant Principal / Dean of Students at the Key School. Mr. Boyd will join the Upper School Faculty at O'Neal on July 1.

O'Neal's new Director of College Counseling will be Danielle Tanner. Ms. Tanner is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and earned an M.Ed. from Arizona State in global education. Currently Associate Director at St. Mary's School (NC), she has also worked as a college counselor at Christchurch School (VA) and Windsor School (Nassau, The Bahamas). We look forward to Ms. Tanner building on O'Neal's already exceptional college counseling program.

We look forward to the spring season and all that it holds for our students and families. We are also excited by the momentum O'Neal is experiencing for 24 -25 and the future.

Thank you for supporting O'Neal.

Sincerely yours,



John Elmore
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