

March 17, 2017

Dear Members of the WSG Community,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Ms. Beth Reaves to serve as the next President of the Washington School for Girls. After a thorough nationwide search, it was clear that Ms. Reaves is the perfect person to lead WSG into the future. Her appointment received the unanimous support of the Board of Trustees and of our Search Committee, which included members of our Board, representatives from our founding organizations, and members of the faculty and staff.



Ms. Reaves is currently the Head of School at Friends School Mullica Hill in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, a Pre-K to 8th grade independent Quaker school that seeks to cultivate the intellectual growth, creativity, scholarship and social conscience of each student. Ms. Reaves has been serving the mission of FSMH for 7 years including 5 years as Head of School. During her tenure, she successfully led the school through the re-accreditation process, expanded philanthropic support of the school, and worked with faculty to thoughtfully implement new programs that met the needs of the student population.

Ms. Reaves' career began in corporate marketing, where she quickly rose to leadership positions before transitioning to the field of education. Prior to FSMH, Reaves worked at Wilmington Montessori School in Wilmington, Delaware, and held part-time and adjunct professorships at Northcentral University and Rowan University. In addition to holding an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a Doctorate of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, Ms. Reaves recently participated in the prestigious Klingenstein Fellowship Program for Heads of Schools offered by Columbia University.

What most impressed us was the combination of her strong sense of mission and her expertise as an educator and a strategic thinker. Ms. Reaves has a warm and graceful style that invites engagement and collaboration. From the first interview, it was clear that she embodies the WSG motto "In the Spirit of Courageous Women" through her steadfast dedication to serving students, families, and teachers and fostering personal and spiritual growth in all those who cross her path. She has shown a deep appreciation for and commitment to the things that define WSG: our Catholic identity, our mission to serve those students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend an independent school, and our belief in each student's gifts, talents, and potential.

During this exciting period in the school's two-decade history, Ms. Reaves brings the visionary leadership and demonstrated executive experience needed to carry out the mission of the school as we look forward to the next twenty years. We warmly welcome Ms. Reaves to the WSG community and we look forward to her leadership in service to our mission.

In the Spirit of Courageous Women,



Pamela S. Johnson
Chair, Board of Trustees



Sister Mary Bourdon, RJM
President and Head of School

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To the Washington School for Girls Community:

I am thrilled to be joining the Washington School for Girls, and look forward to meeting each of you over the course of the coming months. As soon as I learned about WSG and the school's mission, I immediately felt called to serve and wanted to learn more. Each step in the process of learning about WSG has deepened my desire to join your community.



You already know what a special place the Washington School for Girls is, but for me, the past few months have been an exciting journey to discover all that defines the school – a journey that is just beginning. First and foremost, it is clear that the mission of WSG lives and breathes in every aspect of the school. Every program, every classroom, and every prayer I observed reflected the promise that the young women of WSG are on their way to becoming competent, compassionate, and committed leaders. The students exuded confidence and the excellence of the teachers was evident in each classroom I visited.

I have learned that the faculty and staff are deeply committed to the students and graduates of WSG. I know this not only because it is evident in the success of students, but also because everyone that I talked to about the school mentions it at least once. That dedicated care has created a warm and inviting environment that allows students to feel comfortable and safe – and that is what all young students need in order to learn and grow. This sense of community and sense of purpose, both guided by the strong faith tradition in the school, are what drew me to the Washington School for Girls.

I am someone with a strong faith as well, a commitment to my family, and a belief in the power of education to fuel personal growth. My commitment to providing a strong educational foundation for children has been formed through my own personal educational experience (which includes attending an all-girls high school), as a parent of three now young adults, and as a leader of a small private school. I believe that the early years of education are among the most important in helping to establish lifelong educational success and WSG provides that important foundation.

My husband Greg and I will be moving to the Washington area this summer and look forward to establishing a new beginning there. I am ready to learn from each of you what makes WSG the wonderful school that it is, and am eager to join you in service to the mission of the Washington School for Girls.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Reaves". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Beth Reaves
President-Appointee