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Introducing Cindy Moon

The search committee has been working diligently over the last several months to hire Holy Cross Lutheran Academy's new Executive Director. We are excited to share that Mrs. Cindy Moon has accepted the position and will be joining HCLA effective May 2022. Working through this process as a team with representation from the school, board and pastoral staff allowed us to see God's hand and goodness every step of the way. In Cindy we have a great seasoned leader who's excited for the unique opportunity HCLA provides to build upon years of faithful leadership with a faculty and families committed to faith and education. As our Network Pastor, I'm very excited to welcome her to our ministry team.

Mrs. Moon has been intimately engaged in education and leadership for 30 plus years as a teacher, principal, and Head of School. For the past 14 years, she served as Head of School at Park Maitland School, a highly respected 53 year old independent school of more than 600 students in Central Florida. Prior to leading Park Maitland School, Mrs. Moon served as Principal and Head of School at Wellington School in St. Petersburg, Florida where she began her career as a classroom teacher. Her impressive career reflects her dedication to forming the moral character, intellect, and leadership abilities of all students.

At HCLA, Mrs. Moon will continue helping students to thrive and lead impactful Christ-centered lives. Considering the opportunity to join the HCLA family, Mrs. Moon said, *"I am humbled and honored to be chosen as Holy Cross Academy's next Executive Director. I have been impressed with the wonderful work that the leadership and faculty have done "raising up" competent, empathic, and successful future leaders. I am proud to be a servant leader at a school that sets high academic expectations, instills rich traditions, and most importantly, encourages and models spiritual excellence in the Christian faith. I eagerly anticipate joining the Crusader community and working with faculty, parents, students, and alumni to build upon the school's foundation of excellence."*

Mrs. Moon brings a broadview to the challenges and opportunities of managing and leading independent schools. Mrs. Moon has led efforts to advance and transform the schools she has served through strategic planning and mission clarity, enrollment and fiduciary sustainability, increased data driven instruction and innovative practices, enhanced health and safety protocols, implementation of nationally recognized diversity, equity and inclusionary practices, and

character education programs. She has overseen construction of new campuses as well as innovation and community spaces. During these unprecedented times, she helped her school successfully pivot to virtual learning platforms while maintaining positive momentum and a school culture that promotes collaborative and participatory practices.

She currently serves on the advisory board for the Valencia College Peace and Justice Institute and is a board member of Destination Imagination. She is a member of the CRC Network and K-Ready Community Project. She has served two terms on the Board of Directors for Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), Co-Chaired and led planning committees for FCIS Annual Conventions and has served on many FCIS and AdvancedEd (now Cognia) accreditation teams across Florida. She is a current independent school advisor/consultant and has served as a mentor for new heads and led workshops and keynotes on topics such as climate culture, school change, sustainability, independent school identity, and more.

Mrs. Moon holds a bachelor's degree from Florida Southern College and master's and specialist degrees in special education and educational leadership from National Louis University.

Abounding with passion, energy and enthusiasm, Mrs. Moon believes *“Each child we touch is a unique gift from God and should be embraced, loved, and accepted as such. It is the honor and privilege of parents and educators alike to have this opportunity of transforming each young life through the word of God. I was delighted to see this proverb on the HCLA website as it substantiates my belief in the importance of a strong foundation. Proverbs 22:6 - “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”*

As we welcome the Moon family to our school, we are grateful to have benefited from the strong, principled leadership and exceptional service of Mr. Mark Corey since May 2019. Mr. Corey led our school through the difficulties of an unexpected and unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic and has positioned HCLA to boldly move forward into the future with many new programs and advances. In collaboration with Mr. Corey and the network board, there will be a seamless transition of leadership as Mrs. Moon onboard in May.

Sincerely,

Ben Hoyer
Executive Pastor | Central Florida Cross Network