

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory Head of School Appointment

Dear Calvary Family:

After an extensive search process and careful consideration, the CEP School Board of Trustees has unanimously accepted the recommendation of the CEP Head of School Search Committee and is pleased to announce Elizabeth “Beth” Raley Dow for the position of Head of School for Calvary Episcopal Preparatory. Ms. Dow will assume her duties as HOS on July 1, 2020.

With the assistance of the consulting firm, The Education Group, the CEP Head of School Search Committee conducted a search attracting eleven initial candidates from across the country. Throughout the process, Search Committee members conducted dozens of telephone, video conference and in-person interviews along with numerous reference checks.

Over three months, the candidate pool was gradually and methodically reduced to four finalists. Each of these finalists visited CEP and took part in meetings with CEP constituents, including representatives from the Search Committee, school administration, Calvary Episcopal Church and the CEP Board of Trustees. The finalists also attended interactive sessions with CEP parents, students and faculty.

Beth’s career spans 38 years. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in education and earned her Master’s in Education from the University of Houston. She served as an elementary school teacher, a Gifted/Talented Facilitator, assistant principal and principal in the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District. She also served as Area Superintendent in the Houston Independent School District and continues to work part-time as a mentor for principals in HISD and as a consultant for the Harris County Department of Education.

As a long-time resident of Fort Bend County with her husband Andy, Beth knows Calvary well by its reputation and through family members who have attended the school. She understands CEP’s purpose as a mission of the church and its goal to educate and develop “the whole child.” She is very open and firm about her core principles, first of which is “every decision made will be based on what is right by children.”

A great deal of gratitude goes to those who served on the Search Committee: Co-Chairs Chris Gaas and Whitney Laffere and committee members Machel Delange, John Perches, Joe Robinson, Beth Jordan and Margaret Patton.

Please join me in welcoming Beth and wishing her many years of success at CEP.

Sincerely,

Jeff McClellan, CPA
President-Calvary Episcopal Board of Trustees