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Holy Spirit Episcopal School Announces New Head of Child Enrichment Center and Primary School

HOUSTON, TEXAS— Holy Spirit Episcopal School (HSES) is proud to announce the selection of Whitney Zisman, M. Ed. as the new Head of CEC and Primary School for Holy Spirit Episcopal, effective June 1, 2017 following Cindy Northington's commitment as Head of CEC.

Whitney joins us with over 15 years of teaching and leadership experience and currently serves as an early education consultant, literacy specialist and mentor for Rice University's School Literacy and Culture Program. Along with co-leading monthly seminars for the Classroom Storytelling project, she also mentors multiple teachers around the Houston area and leads presentations at various teacher in-service trainings. Drawing on her 10 years of pre-Kindergarten teaching experience at St. Francis Episcopal School and her days as a high school teacher before that, she believes that children explore, learn, and discover through a balanced approach to teaching and learning in meaningful scenarios.

Whitney graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX with a BA in History & Political Science. Later, she received her M.Ed. degree from the University of St. Thomas and also received several teaching awards, including a grant to study with teachers from around the world at the Reggio Emilia schools in Italy through the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty. She is also a member of the first cohort of teachers to receive a certificate from Rice University for completing the three-year intensive Early Literacy Leadership Academy. Passionate about best practices in early childhood education, Whitney believes in self-reflection and continued growth as an educator through research and connections with teachers and students from around the city of Houston and beyond. Outside of her career, Whitney enjoys traveling with her husband, Stan, family life with their combined five children and her two adorable dogs.

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Founded in 1962, Holy Spirit Episcopal School has grown from a neighborhood preschool to an eleven-acre campus of learners from infants through eighth grade. On our Journey to Excellence, we embrace five pillars that guide our leadership, our Episcopal Identity, our dedication to program excellence, our infrastructure, and our financial foundation. HSES is a diverse community with many nationalities represented within our school of more than 250 students. Our curriculum and instruction is led by an exceptional team of learning specialists who support our talented teachers. Our students are guided by staff members who are certified in Gifted and Talented as well as SEL, our Social Emotional Learning approach to teaching.

*The mission of Holy Spirit Episcopal School is to offer an exemplary education for infants through grade eight that develops the whole child while achieving academic excellence in a dynamic Christian-based environment.
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