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Dear Meadowbrook School Community,

Thank you for your patience as the Search Committee deliberated and ensured our next Head of School had all their Pennsylvania background check clearances completed.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Head of School Search Committee, I am very excited to announce that Mr. Jim Pierce has been unanimously selected as Meadowbrook's next Head of School beginning in July 2025.

Jim's appointment follows an extensive nationwide search that drew a pool of many impressive candidates. After Head of School Michael Reardon's announcement that he would be departing Meadowbrook in June 2025, the Board formed a Head of School Search Committee consisting of seven individuals – current and past parents, faculty, staff, and trustees. Working with Nicole McDermott and Jay Underwood of Educational Directions, the Committee conducted extensive interviews and gathered feedback from faculty, parents, students, staff, and references. Following on-campus finalist interviews, the Committee recommended that the Board vote to approve Jim as Meadowbrook's next head, which it did unanimously at its meeting on January 16. The Search Committee agreed that Jim embodies the heart and spirit of Meadowbrook, and is the right person to support our faculty and staff, uplift our students, and work to implement the long-term vision of the school.

Jim knows Meadowbrook well, having spent 14 years both as a classroom teacher (1999-2009) and Assistant Head of School (2009-

2013). During that time, he helped shape many of the programs that continue to enhance the school's offerings today, including the launch of Camp Meadowbrook and the preschool program. Currently, Jim serves as Math Improvement Facilitator and Principal at Reach Cyber Charter School, where he leads a team of 24 teachers serving over 900 upper elementary students. Prior to that, Jim served as the Chief Operating Officer and founding team member of YSC Academy, where he provided strategic leadership for daily operations of middle and upper school programs. Building on that dynamic path, Jim looks forward to an exciting next chapter at Meadowbrook. Jim holds B.A. in psychology and elementary education from Lycoming College, a master's degree in instructional technology and educational leadership from Drexel University, and will complete his Ed.D. in learning analytics from National University this spring.

Jim is thrilled to join the Meadowbrook community:

"I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to rejoin The Meadowbrook School community, a place that holds a special place in my heart. Meadowbrook's unwavering dedication to nurturing the joy and wonder of childhood is truly extraordinary. Its commitment to fostering a nurturing, fun, and collaborative environment, paired with its warm and welcoming spirit, makes it a remarkable school. I am thrilled to partner with the talented faculty, staff, and families to build on the school's proud traditions and create a vibrant learning community where each child's unique potential can thrive. It is a true privilege to step into this role and contribute to Meadowbrook's mission of bringing life to learning."

We are excited for Meadowbrook's future under Jim's leadership and are confident his appointment will enrich the lives of our students,

faculty, and the entire Meadowbrook community. We appreciate the faculty, staff, parents, and students who helped to make this a successful search. Finally, we are especially grateful to Head of School Michael Reardon, who has set Meadowbrook on a strong path to success over his ten-year tenure. His commitment to our community has left an indelible mark, and we know that he will continue to make a difference to our school as we all come together to support Jim in his transition to Meadowbrook. Please join us in welcoming Jim Pierce as our next Head of School!

Warm regards,

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