



HILL COUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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Dear Hill Country Montessori School Community,

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Marie H. Kidd has accepted the Board of Trustees' invitation to serve as the Interim Head of School for the 2025–26 academic year, beginning August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Marie was selected from a talented pool of candidates following a thoughtful and intentional search process. With more than 30 years of educational leadership experience—including serving as Head of School at Trinity Episcopal School in Austin and, most recently, Interim Head at Trinity Episcopal School in Galveston—Marie brings a steady, mission-aligned presence to times of transition.

Her reputation as a classroom-centered leader, effective communicator, and mentor to faculty made her an ideal match for Hill Country Montessori School's needs during this important year.

Marie has deep experience with child-centered learning models and has served on and led accreditation teams for independent schools throughout Texas and California. She shares a deep respect for Montessori philosophy and looks forward to learning from and partnering with HCMS's experienced faculty.

Marie will be relocating to the Texas Hill Country and expressed sincere excitement about joining the HCMS community:

"One of the gifts of my long career in education is having served in diverse school settings that center on children as learners, explorers, and citizens. I am honored to join Hill Country Montessori School and look forward to building relationships, supporting the faculty and families, and ensuring a year of stability, joy, and meaningful progress."

As Interim Head, Marie will assume full responsibility for daily school operations. Her focus will include supporting faculty and staff; preserving the school's mission and values; ensuring consistent communication; and maintaining momentum on key academic and community priorities. She will also collaborate closely with the Board of Trustees to help lay the groundwork for a successful permanent Head of School transition.

We remain committed to identifying HCMS's next long-term Head of School and will continue to keep the community informed as that search progresses.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Marie Kidd to Hill Country Montessori School. We look forward to introducing her to families and faculty in the coming weeks.

With gratitude,

HCMS Board of Trustees

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