

Dear Holy Trinity: An Episcopal School Community,

I am genuinely honored to join Holy Trinity as your next Head of School. This opportunity to lead a community that values educational excellence and encourages students to be “the Best You” while embracing the joy and curiosity of childhood, is deeply meaningful to me. This foundation, rooted in intellectual growth, character, and kindness, resonates strongly with my values and aspirations.

I am particularly excited to join a community that reflects a rich diverse and unique demographic profile, and to support a culture where every student feels seen and valued. Throughout my career, I have dedicated myself to creating transformative educational experiences that honor each student's individuality and potential. The connections I've built with students, parents, and colleagues—from first graders to board members—fuel my commitment to this mission-driven work at Holy Trinity. When I was on campus, I felt at home. I could feel the children's joy and the teachers' dedication.

Holy Trinity's alignment with Episcopal values and commitment to social responsibility reminds me of my formative experiences as a parent and educator at St. Paul's Episcopal School. I have seen firsthand the profound, lasting impact an Episcopal school education can have on a family. I am eager to bring that focus on service and community to Holy Trinity. Together, we will continue to nurture a community that encourages every student to shine and be a force for good in the world, reflecting Holy Trinity's mission of faith and learning.

My role as a leader is to inspire, listen, and engage—qualities I look forward to bringing to Holy Trinity. I am committed to building on the school's strengths and supporting key priorities like elevating teacher retention, fostering student well-being, and expanding community engagement. My approach to strategic planning and community building is grounded in my belief that genuine listening and clear vision bring the best results, and I am dedicated to working with each of you as we advance the school's mission.

I am immensely grateful to the Board and Search Committee for entrusting me with this role. I look forward to a meaningful transition that builds on the dedication and accomplishments of all those who have come before me. I would especially like to thank Mike Mullin for his 14 years of leadership at Holy Trinity, Franklyn Matthews for his service as former board chair, and Crista Wise for chairing the search committee. I am eager to partner with Kelly Wagner as the current board chair and the rest of the trustees as we move forward.

Thank you for the warm welcome into this remarkable community. I am honored and thrilled to be part of Holy Trinity's future and look forward to all we will accomplish together.

Warm regards,
DeAndre Calhoun