

THE HEALDSBURG SCHOOL

March 18, 2019

Dear Members of The Healdsburg School Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Search Committee, we are thrilled to announce that Andy Davies will be the next head of The Healdsburg School as of July 1, 2019. Her appointment is the result of an extensive search that produced many impressive applicants, and we are confident we have found the right leader to guide The Healdsburg School into our exciting next chapter.

Mrs. Davies comes to us with more than 25 years of experience in administration and teaching. She recently served as Associate Head of School and Director of Curriculum at Aspen Country Day School for twelve years. Prior to that, she taught English, History and Social Studies at Aspen Country Day School and the Breck School. As an educator, Mrs. Davies embraces the belief that all children are capable learners who optimize their potential when provided learning spaces and curriculum design that builds on their natural curiosity and allows them to dive deeply into ideas and concepts that are meaningful to them. We believe Andy's leadership experience and passion for relevant, developmentally appropriate learning environments in which children are challenged to take intellectual risks, align perfectly with the mission and vision of The Healdsburg School.

In alignment with our commitment to service learning at THS, Andy has shown personal dedication to the



Andy Davies, next Head of The Healdsburg School



Andy, son Gordon, daughter Connie, and husband Brian

same ideals, serving as a mentor to first generation college students and working as the Director of Cradle to Career at the Aspen Community Foundation. In that role, she collaborated with multiple organizations to support underprivileged youth.

Andy is excited to move to Healdsburg. She and her husband, Brian, have two children, Connie, age 20, who is currently abroad participating in a NOLS expedition course in New Zealand and Gordon, age 17, who is finishing his senior year of high school and preparing to start college in the fall. They enjoy hiking, biking, skiing, reading, and spending time together as a family.

Over the coming months, the Board will be working closely with Andy as she gets to know THS. We are in the process of creating a transition team to ensure that the change in leadership is thoughtful and smooth. Sandi Passalacqua will continue to serve as the Interim Head of School until June 30, 2019. There are not words sufficient to thank Sandi for her tireless efforts in guiding our school through this time. Please know that the Board and Search Committee are also deeply grateful to our entire community for its wholehearted engagement and support in carrying out this process. There is no doubt THS will thrive under Andy's leadership. Please join us in welcoming the Davies family to our community!

Sincerely,

Julie Cyphers and Peter Mork
Co-Chairs, Board of Trustees