



December 16, 2025

Dear Keswick School community,

I am writing to share that Marc Columbus will step down as Head of School, and the LKEC Board of Trustees has appointed Jody Berkey as the next Head of School, effective July 1, 2026.

Over the next few months, we will have many opportunities to honor and celebrate Marc's extraordinary impact on the school. His dedication has touched the lives of hundreds of boys, families, and staff over an incredible 33 years. Thankfully, this is not a farewell! We are fortunate that Marc will continue to be a part of the administrative team, directing his skills and energy towards major fundraising and capital projects through 2028.

Jody inherits a thriving school and dynamic team, and she brings her own unique leadership style and voice. The Board of Trustees is united in its enthusiastic support for her.

With a rich background in special education and school administration, and 12 years of dedicated service at Keswick—including seven years as Assistant Head of School—Jody has a keen sense for the school's unique approach to integrating clinical, residential, and academic services for each boy and family. She has been instrumental in designing and implementing meaningful improvements to programs and management systems, attracting and developing staff, strengthening the school's special culture, and building relationships with major donors.

This past year, Jody collaborated with the staff and Board to shape the school's strategy and three-year plan. This strategy is to maintain the school's current scale, scope, and non-profit status and to continuously improve the outcomes for boys and their families by investing in professional development, enhancing programs, upgrading facilities, and managing risks. Jody is dedicated and ready to lead us forward in this direction, partnering with Marc on exciting projects ahead.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, please join us to celebrate Marc and Jody, and to support them as they continue to shape the future of Keswick School. Congratulations to both on this inspiring new chapter!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andy A. Eichfeld", written in a cursive style.

Andy Eichfeld, Chair
Board of Trustees