



# Richmond FRIENDS SCHOOL

Richmond Friends School announced today that Head of School Marcie Roberts has decided to leave her position at the end of the 2019-2020 school year following a successful 8-year appointment.

Roberts has been in leadership roles at the school for the past 16 years, serving as Head of School since 2012. Under her leadership, the school experienced tremendous growth and success, doubling overall enrollment, achieving accreditation through AdvancEd, and adding both a preschool and a middle school.

With Roberts as the school's leading champion, the school has established an endowment, completed a successful fundraising campaign in support of its middle school program, and secured grants and gifts totaling over a half a million dollars to improve its facilities and create new learning opportunities for students. The school has benefitted greatly from her skills, gifts and leadership over her many years in the Head role.

"I don't think it's an understatement to say that Marcie's leadership at RFS will be felt for many years to come," says Brian Schleeper, clerk of the Richmond Friends School Board of Supervisors. "We are incredibly thankful for the many contributions she has made to the school and its growth and success in her time as Head. She has touched the lives of hundreds of children that have passed through the doors of the Richmond Friends School, and that impact cannot be measured. We wish Marcie the best in her next steps."

Roberts expressed her gratitude for the chance to lead at RFS. "I love this school, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunities I have had to work with the students, faculty, staff, board and families in this community. RFS has been a treasure to this community, and to my own family, and it has been an honor and a joy to help it thrive. It is hard for me to imagine not having it at the center of my life," says Roberts. "At the same time, I think a transition is going to be healthy for me and the school. Every organization benefits from new ideas, new energy, and new leadership. I can't wait to see what the future holds for this incredible school. I also look forward to discovering new ways to personally engage in the Richmond community and beyond."

The RFS board has formed a search committee to identify the next Head of School. Welling Hall, a board member and parent of a RFS graduate, will convene that group.

"The Board is confident in our ability to carry on the mission of RFS moving forward and continue the legacy of visionary heads of school, inspirational teachers, and a dedicated board. We look forward to working with the school community and partners in Richmond and Wayne County to assure that this amazing school will continue to thrive," says Schleeper.

The school intends to have a new Head of School named by the end of the 2019-2020 school year.



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