

New Head of School Announcement



Dear Unity Families,

On behalf of the Unity Board, we are excited to announce that Genevieve Hoppe will be Unity School's next Head of School, effective July 1, 2022. Genevieve was chosen from a national pool of impressive candidates after a very thorough search process led by DRG consulting. This appointment was the result of united and enthusiastic support from the Unity Board, Head of School Search Committee, and broader Unity School community.

Genevieve has deep experience at academically rigorous schools, including overseeing and enhancing curricula, recruiting, and nurturing faculty, and creating environments in which students and faculty can reach their greatest potential. In her role as Assistant Head of School Genevieve ensures the efficient and effective management of the school's financial resources as she helps organize and align strategic priorities, oversees school-wide initiatives and projects, and facilitates cross-departmental collaborations and decision making.

Genevieve began her educational career in 2006 as a middle school Spanish teacher and has been working with students ever since. Over the course of her career, she has taught 6th-10th grade, worked in athletics, served as an Assistant Middle School Director and Middle School Principal. She is currently the Assistant Head of School at North Broward Preparatory School.

Genevieve's educational credentials include her Bachelor's degree in Spanish with a concentration in Business Administration from Furman University and a Masters of Modern Language from the University of Memphis. She had extensive international study experiences through both Universidad de Costa Rica, San Jose, and University of Virginia, Valencia, Spain. Genevieve earned a certificate in Design Thinking from Stanford and a certificate in School Management and Leadership from Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Genevieve is currently seeking her Doctoral in Educational Leadership and Administration from Florida State University.

Genevieve has a passion for education and working with young people and is a true advocate for students, teachers, and families. She enjoys sharing this passion with her husband, Cole.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Search Committee and all members of the community whose participation was essential to a thorough, thoughtful, and inclusive search process.

We also want to express our gratefulness to Interim Head of School, Laurie Houghton. She has provided strong leadership and vision during this time of transition and has enabled Unity School to continue providing an excellent education for each student. Her dedication and hard work have continued to strengthen our community and position us for our next phase of growth.

We look forward to welcoming Genevieve to our community this summer and we are confident that Unity School will excel under her leadership.

On behalf of the Unity School Search Committee,

Charlene Wilkinson, Co-Chair
Harvey Brown, Co-Chair

A Message from our Next Head of School

Dear Unity School Community,

With a profound sense of honor and gratitude, I welcome the opportunity to serve as Head of School at Unity School. Over the last seven years, while living in South Florida, I have learned quite a bit about Unity School, and the time I spent on campus speaking with parents and employees, taking a tour, visiting classrooms, and having conversations with students further exemplified your commitment to educating the entire child. In addition to being academically sound, Unity students demonstrate that they are well-equipped with the tools needed for success in high school and beyond. Moreover, they stand out for being incredibly thoughtful, articulate, independent, and prepared with the skills, information, and attitudes that will enable them to be successful in the interconnected world that they are inheriting. This level of success is not attainable without an intentional and powerful partnership between the faculty and staff of Unity School and the student's family. I am inspired by each community member's passion for the school and dedication to its success.

For all of these reasons, I embrace the opportunity to serve as a leader at Unity School as we work collaboratively to build on the unique and immeasurable value of a Unity education. After stepping foot on campus I can confidently say that one can find all of the ingredients necessary to create a powerful and fulfilling educational experience: an accomplished and dedicated faculty, supportive families, high academic standards in a safe and nurturing environment, and a commitment to individual development. These foundational elements are amplified by outstanding programs in athletics, the arts, technology, community service, and leadership, all of which demonstrate the school's commitment to all dimensions of early education: mind, body, and spirit. Nowhere is this holistic approach to education more evident than in the Lessons in Living's approach to nurturing each child's unique gifts and talents. Now, as I prepare to join the community, I am eager to work with you as we align the mission, core values, history, and aspirations in order to sustain and strengthen outcomes and experiences. A school's strength lies in its ability to honor its past, reflect on the opportunities available, and set goals for the future. Together, we will build upon Unity School's rich tradition of empowering children to be lifelong learners who exercise their own talents to make a lasting impact on their communities and world.

I look forward to being with you in July.

Warmly,

Genevieve Hoppe
Incoming Head of School

