

An Invitation from Dr. Sherri Helvie, Interim Head of School

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Dear Gateway Friends and Families,

I am honored to be serving The Gateway School community as the interim Head of School this year. Over the last few weeks I have been in conversations with Board members, with Laurie, and yesterday, with members of the school's Leadership Team, and the extraordinary program, student experience, and shared commitment to Gateway's mission to transform the lives of bright students with language-based learning disabilities and attention deficits has been evident in every conversation and interaction. Gateway is clearly a school with a common purpose and shared vision, and I am excited about the work we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

I have worked in preschool through post-secondary education for over 25 years, with more than 15 years in PK-8 independent schools. As a school leader I have developed and expanded learning support programs in general education settings with special attention to language-based learning disabilities, and I am passionate about schools that recognize and nurture the unique brilliance of every child. Creating environments where every student thrives and develops into a confident self-advocate has been central to my work as an educational leader, and I'm excited to lead Gateway during this interim year as the Search Committee does the very intentional work of identifying the next permanent Head of School.

My top priority in the weeks ahead is to connect with as many members of our community as possible, listening and learning from the families, faculty, staff, students, and alumni who have made Gateway such an exceptional school. While we will have ample opportunities to connect once the school year has started, I also encourage you to reach out if you would like to meet with me individually in the weeks before school starts. You can schedule a time by emailing me at SHelvie@gatewayschool.org.

I look forward to connecting with you in the weeks ahead so I can learn your Gateway story!

I'd like to offer my sincerest thanks to Laurie, the Board, and the Leadership Team for their warm welcome, and for all the work they have done to ensure a smooth transition and the continuity of Gateway's exceptional academic program and kind, caring community.



I look forward to connecting with Gateway community members, and partnering with them as we work together to advance the school's mission and plan for the future. I'm excited for the opportunities that lie ahead!

Looking forward to meeting you soon,

Sherri

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