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Dear Drew Community,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Head of School Search Committee, we are thrilled to announce that Peter McKnight will be Charles R. Drew Charter School's next Head of School beginning July 1, 2019.

Mr. McKnight has served as Drew Charter School's Senior Academy principal since 2013. In addition to his deep commitment to Drew's mission and students, he has implemented a rigorous STEAM and Project-Based curriculum and has had tremendous success leading his team and meeting the varying needs of his students. Prior to joining Drew Charter School, Mr. McKnight worked as a teacher at South Atlanta High School and later founded and led the South Atlanta School of Law and Social Justice.

Mr. McKnight has Bachelor of Arts degrees in Religious Studies and Mathematics from the University of North Carolina. He was recently recognized with the 2019 Georgia Charter School Leader of the Year Award.

The process to select our next head of school was led by consultants with BoardWalk Consulting who partnered with the Head of School Search Committee to implement a thorough nationwide search. After a thoughtful interview process with several candidates, three finalists visited our campus to meet with parents, staff, students and community stakeholders. During the interview and community engagement process, it was clear that Mr. McKnight had the leadership skills, the ability to collaborate with families, staff and partners, and a deep understanding of and commitment to Drew's mission that would make him an effective and successful Head of School for Drew Charter School.

Thank you for helping to welcome and get to know our candidates. Your feedback helped us determine that Mr. McKnight's leadership, experience, and abilities continue to be the right fit for Drew Charter School.

Over the coming months, Mr. McKnight will work closely with Mr. Doran to ensure a seamless transition. Please join us in congratulating Mr. McKnight on his new role at Drew Charter School.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Kuhlman  
Chair, Charles R. Drew Charter School

Ronald Alston  
Chair, Head of School Search Committee

