



ST. ANSELM'S
ABBAY SCHOOL

Christ has confidence in young people and entrusts them with the very future of his mission, “Go and make disciples.” Go beyond the confines of what is humanly possible and create a world of brothers and sisters! Show, by your life, that it is worth giving your time and talents in order to attain high ideals, it is worth recognizing the dignity of each human person, and it is worth taking risks for Christ and his Gospel.

Pope Francis

March 10, 2020

Dear St. Anselm's Abbey School Community,



On behalf of the Board of Trustees of St. Anselm's Abbey School, we are pleased to announce that **James P. Power, Ed.D.** will become St. Anselm's next Headmaster, effective July 1, 2020.

The Board's unanimous decision to appoint Jim Power was based upon the enthusiastic recommendation of the Headmaster search committee, which embarked on a nationwide search process starting this past fall. The search committee endeavored to find an experienced educational leader deeply aligned with the school's values and mission. We also sought a leader who is enthusiastic about the intellectual ethos of the school, possesses the ability to build authentic relationships, and has a disposition marked by positivity and flexibility. This candidate would ideally have experience in, and an appreciation for, all-boys education.

With many years of experience working as an educator and school leader, Jim Power comes to St. Anselm's having served for 26 years as a head of school—23 of those at all-boys schools—eleven years at Georgetown Preparatory School and twelve years at Upper Canada College.

Jim began his independent school career as an English teacher and coached basketball and baseball. He taught at Pomfret School (CT) and Portsmouth Abbey School (RI). He received his undergraduate degree from Holy Cross, a MAT from Boston College in English Education, and an Ed.D. from Boston University in Educational Leadership. He has served as a faculty

member for the *National Association of Independent Schools* (NAIS) Institute for New Heads and is a contributing author to NAIS' *The Head's Handbook*. Jim has served Xavier High School, the International Boys School Coalition, and the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools as a trustee. Jim and his wife Mary have five grown children.

In his letter of interest regarding this opportunity, Jim shared, "The headmaster's position at St. Anselm's is especially appealing to me for two reasons: First, I would love to work at a Catholic school. I spent two summers teaching at Portsmouth Abbey School and very much enjoyed the Benedictine ethos. Second, I would like to work at a small school for boys. Almost all learning takes place within the context of relationships, and I think that small schools have a wonderful opportunity of engaging all their students. They can be places where no boy falls between the cracks."

Jim's references underscored his strengths as a strong relational leader and community builder. He was praised for his excellent communication skills and integrity. During Jim's visit, our own community clearly felt his warmth, openness, and authenticity.

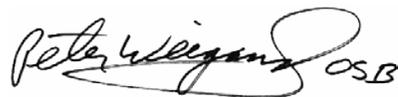
Our most sincere appreciation goes out to Matthew Nolan '76, who chaired the search committee, and committee members John Corrigan, '83, Kay Kalhorn, P '17 & '22, Katy Prebble, Faith Schwartz, P '12 & '17, Abbot James A. Wiseman, who served with both of the undersigned. The committee well represented the St. Anselm's Abbey School community, taking very seriously its responsibility and role in conducting this search. We hope you will join us in thanking this group (and their families) for their tremendous dedication and the countless hours they have devoted to the school, both during this search and over their many years at St. Anselm's.

Please join us in extending the warmest of welcomes to Jim Power.

Sincerely,



Daniel F. Attridge, '72
Board Chair



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