August 27, 2026

Dear Lawrenceville School Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Head of School Search Committee, I am very pleased to announce that Jason Robinson H'09 '10 P'15 '16 will become Lawrenceville's 14th Head of School, effective July 1, 2027. This decision follows a thoughtful and thorough six-month search that included campus conversations, a community survey, and meaningful engagement across the Lawrenceville community. The Board and Search Committee were unanimous in recommending Jason to lead Lawrenceville into its next chapter.

Jason joins us from St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., an Episcopal day and boarding school for boys in grades 4-12, where he has served as Head of School since 2018. During Jason's tenure, he led a strategic planning process that has advanced the school's investment in civics education, teaching and learning, interdisciplinary studies, athletics, financial sustainability, and campus improvements, including a comprehensive renovation of the school's historic chapel. Under his leadership, the St. Albans endowment has nearly doubled, and annual giving reached the highest level in the school's history.

Jason also knows Lawrenceville deeply. From 2007-13, he was part of the daily life of this school in ways that matter: as a faculty member in the history department, chair of the interdisciplinary studies program, chair of the Capstone program, and a basketball, baseball, and golf coach. Jason was Head of Stephens House, where he lived with his wife, Olinda P'15 '16, and their two daughters, Francie '15 and Abigail '16. Olinda worked at Lawrenceville for more than a decade, first in the Alumni and Development Office and then in the Dean of Faculty Office. During his time at Lawrenceville, Jason was named an honorary member of the classes of 2009 and 2010. After leaving Lawrenceville in 2013, he spent five years at Princeton Day School as Head of Upper School and then Assistant Head of School for Academics. In that role, Jason was responsible for the development, assessment, and coordination of academic and curricular programs from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, coordinated faculty recruitment, and led a redesign of the academic schedule. He also held faculty and coaching roles at Landon School in Maryland.

Jason was raised in Virginia and received a B.A. in philosophy, magna cum laude, from Washington and Lee University, an M.A. in government from the University of Virginia, and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. He held a judicial clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, in Baltimore, and practiced corporate law in Washington, D.C., at Covington and Burling before leaving the legal profession to become an educator.

What stood out most to the Search Committee was Jason's rare combination of intellectual seriousness, personal warmth, operational discipline, and genuine love for Lawrenceville. He

understands both the promise and the complexity of this School, and he brings the judgment, humility, and ambition required to build on Lawrenceville's strengths while helping us meet the demands of the future.

Jason described his return to Lawrenceville as both a privilege and a responsibility, and spoke with conviction about the opportunity to work alongside students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and trustees in service of the School's mission.

"My years living in Stephens House and gathering with students around a Harkness table profoundly shaped my sense of what teaching, learning, and community are fundamentally about, giving me a lifelong appreciation for the transformative impact of a Lawrenceville education," Jason said. "The opportunity to return to a place that was so important to my formation is a great privilege. I look forward to the exciting work of partnering with the full Lawrenceville community to write the next chapter of this extraordinary school, to do even more for the wonderful students we are blessed to teach, and to think aspirationally about the great educational questions of our time."

I am deeply grateful to our Search Committee, co-chaired by Benji Griswold '99 P'28 '30 and Alex Buckley Voris '96, and to everyone who gave their time, perspective, and expertise throughout this process. The work of the Search Committee, our consultants at Spencer Stuart, and the broader Lawrenceville community gave us the insight and confidence to identify a leader with both the vision and the character to guide our School. The significant interest in the role was also a powerful reminder of Lawrenceville's hard-earned reputation for excellence, and of the many people who care so deeply about its legacy and its future.

As we prepare to welcome Jason home to Lawrenceville, we remain equally focused on the important work Steve Murray continues to lead throughout his 12th year as Head of School. His impact on the School will endure long after his tenure concludes, and the integrity with which he has led this institution is both admirable and galvanizing.

As we move forward, our mission – to inspire the best in each to seek the best for all – remains our guide. Lawrenceville is strong because of the people who believe in it, invest in it, and hold it to the highest standard. With Jason's leadership, Steve's continued stewardship through this transition year, and the commitment of this extraordinary community, I am confident that Lawrenceville will continue to reach new levels of excellence and purpose.

Sincerely,



Celeste Mellet '94 P'27 '30
President, Board of Trustees