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Press Release

Head of School to Retire

Nancy Rials to retire in May 2018

Alexandria Country Day School (ACDS) will begin a search process to replace Nancy Rials, head of school, following her retirement announcement on Monday, March 13.

She will retire at the end of the 2017-2018 academic year.

“We are grateful for Nancy’s contribution to our continued history of distinction,” said Jonathan Peyton, president of the ACDS board of trustees. “Her growth mindset and focus on professional advancement has encouraged our faculty and staff to perform at the top of their abilities – positively impacting the lives of hundreds of children.”

Under Rials’ leadership during the last eight years, the school has achieved accreditation from the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), implemented new math and writing programs, started the pre-kindergarten program for three year-olds and instituted a character program at the school. During her remaining 15 months at ACDS, Rials said she believes there is much work left to do.

“I am delighted to continue our work with the faculty and staff to grow bright futures,” she said. “They create an exceptional learning environment for our students who move from strength to strength. This has been the highlight of my career.”

The trustees have initiated a search committee with the guidance of ISAS.

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