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SALEM ACADEMY NAMES NEW UPPER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Salem Academy names Andrea Jacobs as new Upper School Principal

Salem, MA, May 16, 2019 – Following a comprehensive search, Salem Academy is pleased to announce the appointment of Andrea Jacobs, current Managing Director of Schools at UP Education Network to be the Upper School Principal for the 2019-2020 school year. The Principal Search Committee, led by Head of School Stephanie Callahan, interviewed several highly qualified candidates, putting forth Ms. Jacobs for a full day of interviews, meetings with stakeholders and a presentation to the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Jacobs was selected following the interview process, and Salem Academy Executive Director Kathy Egmont confirmed the appointment in an email to families on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Ms. Jacobs will begin at Salem Academy on July 1, 2019.

From Head of School, Stephanie Callahan, *“Drea is a phenomenal school leader. Her work in Lynn over the past decade has shown a clear commitment to students and families, with proven results. Her belief in students is unwavering and she has dedicated her career to ensuring that all students have access to the high-quality joyful learning environments they deserve. We are fortunate to have such a talented principal joining us and are excited for her leadership.”*

From Andrea Jacobs, *“I’m incredibly excited to join the SACS community and help build on the strong foundation that already exists. The dedication of students, families, and staff alike to create a strong school and contribute to the Salem community was clear throughout the interview process. I am eager to work in partnership to continue to drive academic rigor, student voice, school pride, and service to the community in the Upper School.”*

Jacobs is a veteran of the education space as a teacher, coach, and Founding Principal of KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate. Ms. Jacobs is a former Teach for America corps member and advisor; she holds a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from National Louis University and a Bachelor’s in Mathematical Sciences from Colby College.

ABOUT SALEM ACADEMY: Salem Academy Charter School opened its doors to sixth and seventh graders in September 2004 with the promise to serve the diverse population of Salem. Through a unique integration of college preparatory classes with service to the community, Salem Academy’s mission is to graduate informed, articulate, and proactive individuals of strong character. Today, Salem Academy has approximately 480 students in grades six through twelve. For more information, please visit salemacademycs.org.

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