

## Dear REACH Prep Community,

After conducting a national search, I write today with exciting news that Becky Reiser, our Director of Education and Interim CEO, has accepted the position of CEO of REACH Prep. Becky rose to the top above all other candidates, and we are confident that she is the person who will lead us forward in our 30th year and beyond.

Becky joined REACH Prep in 2022, overseeing all aspects of instruction and program for our 250 Scholars, leading Scholar and parent workshops, and partnering with industry experts to improve our social-emotional offerings. Since August, in Becky's role as Interim CEO, she has exemplified leadership, a forward-thinking mindset, perseverance, and dedication to this organization. Becky has a unique understanding of the needs of our students and all facets of the REACH Prep 12-year program.

"My guiding principle is to make sure that every student feels safe, seen, and heard at school," Becky said. "It is important to me to continue to carry out that mission at REACH Prep as we continue to prepare and support Black and Latinx students for challenging independent schools, selective universities, and fulfilling careers. I am honored to do this work."

Before joining REACH Prep, Becky held several roles in independent and public schools. Most recently, she was the Middle School Director at Sacred Heart, a P-12 independent school in Atherton, California. While at Sacred Heart, Becky led over 30 middle school faculty, spearheaded a school-wide curriculum mapping initiative, rolled out a new professional growth program, mentored new teachers, and organized meaningful professional development.

Becky holds a B.A. in Journalism and a B.A. in Africana Studies from the University of Pittsburgh, as well as an MS Ed in Secondary English Education from Johns Hopkins University.

The Board of Directors and Staff enthusiastically support Becky in her new role as CEO and the expertise and heart she provides to the organization and our community is boundless. We look forward to partnering with her to ensure REACH Prep will prosper for many years to come.

Warmest Regards,

Lauren O'Shaughnessy

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