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MICDS Head of School Lisa Lyle Announces Intent to Leave MICDS at End of Contract

Lyle cites family and the school's recent successes for right timing for announcement

ST. LOUIS, MO (January 24, 2018) - Lisa Lyle, Head of School of MICDS, has announced that she will leave her position at the end of the 2018-2019 school year when her third and current contract expires. Lyle, who will have served as head for 12 years, made her announcement during last night's Board of Trustees meeting. According to Lyle, the timing works well for both her family and the MICDS community.

"As my husband, David, and I look ahead, we have decided that June 2019 will be the right time, both professionally and personally, to end my tenure at MICDS. My husband, who is an MICDS Spanish teacher, is looking forward to retiring, and at that point, we will have fulfilled the strategic goals the Board set out for me," said Lyle. "I also wanted to give the MICDS community the time needed to complete a leadership search before the next cycle of strategic planning. MICDS has never been in a stronger position for continued success."

During her tenure, MICDS' academic successes and reputation have increased dramatically. The average MICDS Class of 2017 graduate received an ACT score in the 95th percentile of all high school students nationwide and attends one of Barron's "Most Selective" colleges or universities. Today, over 34 percent of MICDS students identify as students of color, and 16 percent of students speak 39 languages and dialects in their homes. Athletically, since 2007, MICDS has brought home 30 state championships in 10 different sports and made 72 final four appearances in 17 different sports. Students are excelling artistically at the local, regional and national level in the vocal, instrumental, performing and visual arts. Lyle led a very successful \$90M capital campaign, oversaw six major construction projects (including a new STEM building) and fostered a strong and inclusive multicultural community that is now the hallmark of MICDS' culture.

"In her role as head of school, Lisa has enhanced MICDS' position as a national leader in independent school pedagogy, curriculum, and academic rigor," said Bill Polk '74, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "She has recruited an accomplished faculty committed to great teaching and learning and built a deep and talented senior leadership team. In combination, these efforts have translated into extraordinary success in the academic performance of our students and the college placement outcomes of our graduates."

As part of her announcement, Lyle mentioned that she and David are looking forward to living closer to their children or traveling overseas. The school will conduct a national search for Lyle's successor. The 18-month process for a new head of school will begin immediately. The MICDS website has a page dedicated to resources and communications at www.micds.org/pr.

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