

Dear Hilton Head Prep Community,

I am humbled and honored by the opportunity to serve as the next Head of School at Hilton Head Preparatory School. When I first saw the opportunity statement for this position, I recognized Prep as a school where students are *allowed to tell their own stories*, and I immediately felt a connection that has proven to be powerful and in line with my beliefs about education. The adults I have met exude a passion for meeting the child where they are and taking them as far as they can go. The students I was privileged to meet had a confident sense of self and obvious pride in their school. I am eager to work together with all of you to help write the next chapter for Hilton Head Prep.

My goal for Hilton Head Prep is to be a school that will provide the most inspiring, empowering and formative educational experience our students will ever have. Any lesser aspiration would be selling ourselves short. I believe that every moment kids are engaged with their school should be purposeful and provide opportunities for growth. Students who are connected with supportive and caring adults will achieve their potential and grow into self-assured individuals with resilience and courage.

My life in education has been about enthusiastic service to children and helping them achieve personal and academic excellence. School should be fun, while challenging, and a place to help kids find out what is great about themselves. It should be a place where community is strong and relationships are genuine and ethical. I'm excited to watch their games, see their performances, and observe them in an academic environment. Together we can make Prep a school that honors their incredible potential by meeting its own.

I am eager to meet you and learn more about both the individual and collective dreams you have for our kids and our school. My family and I look forward to a new adventure and a new home in Hilton Head Island.

Regards,

Mr. Paul W. Horgan