



Dear Stanley Community,

As we head to spring break, we are thrilled to welcome Kendall Early as Stanley British Primary School's next Head of Middle School.



In a national search, Kendall distinguished himself as an empathetic, grounded and collaborative leader who champions students and their voices. Currently, Kendall is on the senior administrative leadership team at St. Anne's Episcopal School in Denver as the Director of Inclusive Teaching and Learning as well as the Director of High School Placement. Kendall has led diversity, equity and inclusion work throughout all areas of the school, and he has supported and led teacher professional development and worked with faculty to develop curriculum across divisions. He has overseen the middle school admissions process and also was responsible for all aspects of support for eighth graders and their families in the high school placement process. During the pandemic, Kendall was a trusted member of the school's Covid re-opening team and helped provide stability and adroit problem solving throughout the pandemic.

Throughout his career, Kendall's contagious enthusiasm and positivity has shaped all aspects of student life that he has engaged in from passionately coaching middle school basketball and lacrosse to jumping in a raft with two feet on an outdoor trip. He believes deeply and has helped create spaces in middle school to help foster a sense of belonging for all. Kendall has done all of this while keeping one foot in the middle school classroom as a beloved math teacher with a playful sense of humor and warmth that allows him to build connections easily.

Kendall actually began his career in Atlanta public schools teaching high school math after graduating from Stanford, and at every step, he has always modeled the lifelong learning he asks of students. This includes completing his master's from Harvard University in School Leadership this spring and serving on visiting teams at other independent schools in their accreditation process. He has also taken on the role of Program Dean of Oxbridge Academic Programs at UCLA in the summer.

We are really grateful for all the great feedback we received from parents, faculty, staff and students in this process. A huge thank you is in order as well to the search

committee of Sara Stern, Stephanie Collins, Julie Daughtry, Mike Wasylenky, Susan Cleveland and Art Gluck who invested an incredible amount of time and showed thoughtfulness at every step of the way.

After immediately accepting the position, Kendall shared the following sentiment about Stanley:

I am tremendously humbled and grateful for the opportunity to join Stanley as the next Head of Middle School. My experiences during my visit with faculty and staff, caregivers, and especially kids, confirmed for me that Stanley places children at the center of its work and values joyful and purposeful education through its British Primary philosophy. It's no surprise Stanley creates lifelong learners who are prepared to use their love of learning to positively impact the world. I look forward to meeting you all and joining the community soon!

Having attended St. Anne's and Kent Denver as a student, Kendall has deep ties to the area. Being local will also allow for plenty of opportunities of collaboration with Greg Chalfin before he departs for Georgia this summer. He is already excited to come to campus at different points this spring to get to know the community more and help ensure a smooth transition for the middle school. Thank you all in advance for the warm Stanley welcome I know you all will give him as he joins this community.

Sincerely,

Sumant Bhat
Head of School