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Indianola Academy is thrilled to announce the appointment of Mr. Gregg E. Thompson as our new Head of School. With a robust forty-three-year career in independent school education, Mr. Thompson brings a wealth of experience and leadership to our community. His tenure in education has been marked by his roles as a teacher, academic leader, principal, and Head of School, showcasing his dedication and commitment to fostering educational excellence.

Mr. Thompson's career is distinguished by his servant leadership, mission-driven focus, and strategic innovation in school administration. His recent accomplishments as Head of School at Lippo Village Campus Senior School and Director of Strategic Innovation at Sekolah Pelita Harapan in Lippo Village, Indonesia, have been noteworthy. Under his leadership, the school witnessed a reversal in declining enrollment trends, initiated and led the formation of the SPH Alumni Association, and saw successful IB re-certification and ACSI/WASC re-accreditation.

Prior to his international tenure, Mr. Thompson served as the Head of School at First Presbyterian Day School in Macon, GA, from 1997 to 2019. His leadership was transformative, elevating the institution to a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, achieving significant academic, arts, and athletic program successes, and leading strategic planning that resulted in substantial facility improvements and the establishment of a robust endowment program.

Mr. Thompson's early career in education included roles as Upper School Principal and Assistant Headmaster at Westminster Preparatory School in Augusta, GA, and as a Mathematics & Computer Instructor at Wheaton Academy in West Chicago, IL. His educational background includes a Master of Education in Educational Leadership K-12 Administration from Reformed Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Wheaton College.

The Indianola Academy community eagerly anticipates Mr. Thompson's arrival and the vision, innovation, and leadership he will bring to our school. His proven ability to enhance school culture, academic programs, and community engagement perfectly aligns with our mission to provide a nurturing and challenging educational environment.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we would like to thank the Head of School Search Committee members, our consultants at ST Search, and all the members of the IA community who have contributed significantly to the search process. We laud all who were involved for their commitment and dedication to the integrity of the search process.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Mr. Gregg E. Thompson as he assumes his role as Head of School. We are confident that his leadership will inspire our students, faculty, and staff and further advance the mission of Indianola Academy in the future.