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Board of Trustees of Columbus School for Girls Appoints Liza Lee New Head of School

COLUMBUS, Ohio (December 2, 2008) – Columbus School for Girls

(www.columbuschoolforgirls.org) is pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth (Liza) Lee as Head of School effective July 1, 2009. Upon the recommendation of the search committee, Ms. Lee's appointment was made by the board of trustees at its November 20, 2008 meeting.

"Liza is a nationally respected educator who has a passion for creating environments where students can achieve and where great teachers can flourish," said Susan Tomasky, board of trustees member and Head of School search committee chair. "We are so pleased that we can leverage her vast experience with all-girls education in her new role at Columbus School for Girls."

With more than 30 years of experience at some of the leading private schools in the country, Ms. Lee is perhaps most known for her role as the former Headmistress of The Hockaday School, an all girls private boarding and day school located in Dallas, Texas. Lee served in this position for 14 years, overseeing to successful completion several significant projects including a comprehensive curriculum revision, a reorganization of the administrative structure, a capital and endowment campaign and the creation of enrichment programs that more closely linked the school to the local community.

Ms. Lee has devoted a significant amount of her professional time in service to advancing all girls education across the country. She is the past President of the National Association of Principals of

Schools for Girls, past President of the Country Day School Headmasters Association and a current board member of both the Brearley School (NYC) and The Brooks School (MA).

Ms. Lee received her bachelor of arts magna cum laude from Mt. Holyoke College where she was a Mary Lyon Scholar and her master of arts from Columbia University, where she was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. She has received numerous honors throughout her career, including a Doctor of Humane Letters from Southern Methodist University, the Excellence in Education Award from the Dallas Historical Society and the Girls' Champion Award given by Girls, Inc.

Ms. Lee stated, "Throughout my visits with CSG students, faculty, parents and alumnae, it was apparent that these constituencies are very proud of the rich history of the school and deeply committed to its ongoing success. I am honored to be joining CSG at a time when there are so many critical opportunities on the horizon."

The appointment of Ms. Lee successfully concludes a six month search process that was led by a committee consisting of representatives from the board, faculty, parents, alumnae and general community. She will be the twelfth Head of School since Columbus School for Girls was founded in 1898.

"Liza Lee is an exceptional leader of independent schools. I have known her for many years and have great respect for her ability to challenge and inspire students and faculty alike," said E. Gordon Gee, President of The Ohio State University and member of the Head of School search committee.

Ms. Lee assumes the Head of School position upon the retirement of Diane Cooper, who has ably led Columbus School for Girls over the past six years.

About Columbus School for Girls

Columbus School for Girls is an independent, college preparatory day school founded in 1898, serving diverse central Ohio students, infancy through grade 12. CSG is a leader in the education of girls and young women and is a vibrant community of approximately 650 students, 135 faculty and staff, and 2,500 active alumnae. CSG is centrally located just east of downtown Columbus in Bexley, drawing students from a 40-mile radius within central Ohio.

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