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St. Luke School Announces New Head of School

Richard Green, Current Aaron Cohn Middle School Principal, Selected After Nationwide Search

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Columbus, GA: St. Luke School announced today that School Trustees have appointed Richard Green as the next Head of St. Luke School. Richard's selection came at the conclusion of a comprehensive, nationwide search led by St. Luke School and church stakeholders. Richard currently serves as the principal of Aaron Cohn Middle School located in Midland, GA. He will succeed William D. "Bill" Shelnuttt beginning July 1, 2020.

When asked about the appointment, Senior Pastor, Reverend Robert Beckum had this to say:

"We are grateful to welcome a proven leader in Richard Green. His dedication to students, faculty and families, administrative experience, energy, integrity and passion for Christian education is evident. Richard's established track record as an administrator and reputation in our community are second to none. I am confident that Richard, along with our talented and dedicated faculty and staff team, will continue to solidify and expand the powerful ministry of St. Luke School."

Richard Green is currently the Principal of Aaron Cohn Middle School, a 6-8 grade public school with 575 students in Midland, GA. Richard was selected to open Aaron Cohn and has served as the school's first and only principal since its inception in 2013. Under Richard's leadership, Aaron Cohn has been a leader in its students' academic growth, ranking in the 99th percentile for similarly situated schools in Georgia. Prior to serving as the Principal of Aaron Cohn, Richard served as an administrator for nine years and as a Special Education Teacher for 12 years. Richard obtained his Specialist in Educational Leadership from Albany State University, his Masters in Physical Education from Troy State University, and his Bachelor of Science in Special Education from Columbus College (now Columbus State University). Richard and his wife Kimberly are the proud parents of three children.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to join the St. Luke family as the next Head of St. Luke School. I will work diligently every day to earn the trust placed in me by the search committee, trustees, faculty, staff, parents and students. Throughout the search experience I came to understand and appreciate the strong and special culture of St. Luke School. I look forward to continuing the great tradition of academic excellence and to freely share my own faith as we work together to prepare the minds of our students and teach them to live for Christ." – Richard Green

About St. Luke School:

St. Luke School is an independent, Christian school that serves children from Junior-Kindergarten through eighth grade through challenging academics, fine arts, competitive athletics, and servant leadership development. Situated in the heart of Uptown Columbus, Georgia, St. Luke School is a ministry of St. Luke United Methodist Church, currently serving more than 400 families and 563 children each day.

At St. Luke School, **we believe that there are no standardized children** and as a result, our robust and flexible curriculum is tailored to create a student experience that is second to none. We operate on the core belief that **parents are the primary educators of their children, and it is our honor to partner with them.** Our **excellent faculty** and staff are focused on providing each student with the tools, the challenge, and the nurturing needed to succeed both academically and spiritually. Students have opportunities to develop, participate, and contribute at every grade level through extra-curricular offerings, athletics, and fine arts. **St. Luke students are servant leaders** who are focused on giving back through supporting local missions and serving our neighbors.

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