



Interim Head of School

BISHOP WALKER SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The School

The Bishop Walker School (BWS) is a tuition-free Episcopal school for boys from traditionally underserved communities in Washington, D.C. Founded twelve years ago, BWS now serves 83 boys from Kindergarten through 5th grade. The school is located “east of the river” in a new campus in southeast Washington. The mission is simple but powerful: we aim to foster intellectual curiosity and a love of learning in the students and, by helping them realize their potential and develop their skills, set their educational trajectory and prepare them for leadership and service in their communities and the wider world. BWS challenges students academically, encourages them so that each can realize his unique gifts, and works closely with families so that students grow as learners and as young men. The school strives for BWS boys to find joy in learning and confidence that they are prepared for their next academic home.

BWS was created to honor Bishop John Walker, the first African-American Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, a man who believed passionately that education is the door to opportunity and has the power to change lives. That belief is at the core of BWS. Bishop Walker also believed that a school with an Episcopal identity offers its students not only a vibrant academic life but also a critical path to moral and spiritual growth. As a school and ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, BWS embraces a life of faith and welcomes all students and families, no matter what their faith traditions might be. As an elementary school focused on the whole child, BWS strives to develop the intellectual, physical, artistic, moral, and spiritual gifts of the students and to provide a range of support services for them, including health screenings, after-school and summer learning, and help directly targeted at supporting academic success.

The Position

BWS is seeking an interim Head of School for one or possibly two years starting July 1, 2023. This is not a caretaker position. It is an opportunity to build on the strong foundation created by the current Head of School, continue the implementation of the recently adopted strategic plan, lead the talented and dedicated faculty and staff, and continue to build the BWS community.

It takes a special person to lead BWS. The school is seeking someone who has a keen understanding of young black and brown boys, who is familiar with communities like BWS, and who connects deeply and authentically with the mission, the vision, and the school's families. The interim Head of School must be an engaged and engaging school leader, with elementary school experience. This candidate must also have a demonstrated ability to lead and inspire the academic team. Because BWS is a tuition-free school, it is essential that the interim Head of School be skilled in fundraising and telling the BWS story in an inspiring way, as well as understand school promotion, and school finances. It is equally essential that the Head of School be a role model for the boys and their families.

To Apply

Interested candidates should provide a resume, cover letter highlighting their interest in and qualifications for the position, statement of philosophy of leadership, and list of five (5) professional references with contact information, as a single attachment, by December 10, 2022. These materials should be sent to the consultants listed below.

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Candidates will be evaluated as received.