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TO: Boston University Academy Community

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Christos Kolovos as BU Academy Head of School

This past January I reopened our national-level search for a new Head of School for Boston University Academy (BUA). Given BUA's stature as one of the region's preeminent preparatory schools and its very special partnership with Boston University, it was critical to identify a candidate with the energetic leadership, strategic vision, and commitment to academic excellence required to advance BUA's goals. We have now completed our search process, and after consultation with our Search Advisory Committee, I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Mr. Christos Kolovos** as BU Academy Head of School.

Chris Kolovos is Associate Head of School at Greens Farms Academy, an independent, pre-K-12 day school in Westport, CT, which has earned distinction for a rigorous, innovative, globally-minded curriculum that incorporates the surrounding ecosystems, the latest digital tools, and a student-centered approach to teaching and learning. In his six years at Greens Farms Academy, Mr. Kolovos has overseen the school's academic program, from faculty hiring and professional development to curriculum and accreditation; directed major institutional efforts to strengthen diversity, equity, and inclusion; spearheaded the creation of a new schedule, service-learning program, and faculty evaluation system; and led the adoption of new courses focused on STEM, sustainability, global studies, and social justice. Mr. Kolovos previously served as Director of Global Education at Belmont Hill School in Belmont, MA, where he chaired the history department and designed programs around global citizenship. Mr. Kolovos is a native of Boston. He attended Roxbury Latin School and then Harvard College, where he graduated *magna cum laude* with a BA in history. He later earned a law degree at Harvard, while serving as coordinating editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. Through extensive discussions with him about his aspirations for Boston University Academy, it became clear that Mr. Kolovos's exceptional track record of organizational leadership, his expansive worldview and forward-facing curricular focus, and his talent for relationship-building with students, parents, teachers, and staff are an ideal fit for our needs at BU Academy.

Upon receiving the news of his appointment, Mr. Kolovos shared, "From the moment I stepped onto campus, I knew that BUA was a special place – students who are as kind as they are curious, talented teachers who know and nourish these exceptional young people, parents and

alumni who are invested in the school's success and passionate about the mission, a small, caring community with access to everything a world-class research university has to offer. I am honored to join the BUA family and to have the chance to tell the school's remarkable story." His fiancée, Tracey, is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and is also from the Boston area; they are excited to be coming home. Mr. Kolovos will begin as Head of School in the summer of 2020.

I would like to give special thanks to Dr. Rosemary White, who will continue to serve as Head of School *ad interim* through the 2019-2020 academic year. Dr. White has done an excellent job stepping in to fill this critical leadership role during a period of transition, and we are grateful for her service. I would also like to express gratitude to the members of the BU Academy Head of School Search Advisory Committee and their Chair, Norm Blanchard, whose considerable efforts and unwavering standards were vital to the success of this search.

Finally, I would like to thank the families and instructors who make up the BU Academy community for their assistance throughout this process and for their dedication to providing students with the best possible learning environment and opportunities for exploration.

Cc: Robert A. Brown
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