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CHRISTEL HOUSE INDIANAPOLIS NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Sarah Weimer has been selected to serve as the Executive Director of the Christel House Schools network in Indianapolis it was announced today by Christel House Indianapolis Board Chair Anne DePrez.

Weimer has been part of the Christel House Indianapolis family for nearly ten years. She started her career teaching for Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) then served as an instructional coach and teacher for Decatur Township schools. In 2011, Weimer joined Christel House Academy South as Principal. She then became Head of Curriculum and Instruction for Christel House Indianapolis and most recently was Interim Assistant Head of Schools. This year Weimer has been leading the Innovation School partnership between Christel House and IPS. As part of the Innovation partnership, Christel House Indianapolis will assume operations of Manual High School this summer and move Christel House Academy South and Christel House DORS South to the Manual campus in 2021.

"After conducting a national search, we are pleased to have found the most qualified person to lead Christel House Indianapolis," DePrez says. "Sarah has done a remarkable job leading our schools through the pandemic – adapting teaching methods, providing e-learning tools for students and delivering over 100,000 meals to our Christel House Indianapolis families. Her record of administrative and education excellence will help propel our organization into this new era."

"I'm honored to accept the role as Executive Director of Christel House Indianapolis," says Weimer. "I grew up on the southside of Indianapolis so I appreciate the historic impact our new Christel House Manual campus will have on our southside neighborhoods. Christel House Indianapolis has and will continue to provide students outstanding educational opportunities for years to come."

Weimer has BS and MS degrees from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She also has a certification in Educational Leadership from Western Governors University and EdS and EdD degrees from Ball State University.

About Christel House Indianapolis

An affiliate of Christel House International, Christel House Indianapolis (CHINDY) was established as a public charter school in 2002. CHINDY operates multiple charter schools in Indianapolis—Christel House Academy South, serving at-risk students in grades K-12; Christel House Academy West currently serving grades K-8, and an adult high school – Christel House DORS, with locations at South, West and at Ivy Tech. As part of an Innovation school partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools, Christel House will assume operations at Manual High School on the southside of Indianapolis in July 2020. With the 2021-22 school year, Christel House Academy South and Christel House DORS South will relocate all classes and operations to the historic Manual campus.

CHINDY provides a holistic human development approach that focuses on building strong character to complement each student's rigorous academic foundation. Through its College & Careers program, CHINDY continues to support its graduates through post-secondary education and job placement so they become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. Christel House Academy South was Indiana's first charter school to receive the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform's "School to Watch" designation. Additional recognition includes the Indiana Achievement and Breakthrough Schools Awards. It has also been named a 2018 National School of Character by Character.org. For more information, please visit www.chacademy.org.

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