



Dear Urban Community,

Urban School of San Francisco is delighted to announce that Dan Miller will become our next Head of School, effective July 1, 2019.

Dan was selected from an international pool of diverse and talented candidates after a thorough search process that engaged students, parents/guardians, alumni, faculty, staff and trustees. The Urban community was uniformly impressed with Dan's deep educational experience, his engagement as a learner, his warmth and humility, and, most importantly, his alignment with Urban's mission and core values. After careful consideration of all feedback, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to ask Dan to become our next Head of School, and he enthusiastically accepted our invitation.

Dan brings exceptional experience as a teacher and school leader. From 2003-2017, Dan headed the Wheeler School, an 825-student, PreK-12th grade independent day school in Providence, Rhode Island. Under Dan's leadership, Wheeler experienced an extraordinary transformation of its campus, including a new Center for the Arts, Student Center and major classroom buildings; exponential endowment growth, from \$4 million to \$38 million; a dramatic increase in student and faculty diversity, financial aid and faculty compensation; and an acceleration of Wheeler's long tradition of progressive curricular and programmatic excellence. Dan was an engaged, dynamic leader who shepherded tremendous institutional change while staying closely connected to the experience of students and families; in fact, he has continued to teach English and history throughout his career.

Prior to the headship at Wheeler, Dan was Head of Upper School and Assistant Head at Kent Denver School in Colorado, Dean of Students at Riverdale Country School in the Bronx, NY, and a teacher and coach at St. Ann's School in Brooklyn, NY. He earned his BA, magna cum laude, from Amherst College, and both an MA in History and a PhD in the History of American Civilization from Harvard University. Dan's dissertation, a biography of the author Erskine Caldwell, was published by Alfred A. Knopf.

Dan is currently enjoying his post-Wheeler School sabbatical, and will be moving to the Bay Area later this summer to serve as interim Head at Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough for the 2018-19 school year. His wife Joanna, an English teacher, and their cat Sarah and dog Ruby, will join him in moving out west. Dan and Joanna also have two college-aged children, Zeke and Sophie.

We are grateful to the many talented candidates who explored Urban's future with us and to our extraordinary community for engaging so wholeheartedly in the search process. At every point,

you made the quality of teaching, the passion of our students, and the engagement of our broader community abundantly clear. We will enjoy an inspiring 2018-19 school year, during which we will celebrate and say a fond farewell to Mark Salkind. The Board of Trustees will work closely with both Mark and Dan to ensure a smooth transition.

Our community looks forward to Dan joining us in 2019-20, and we are confident that Urban will continue to thrive under his leadership. Please join us in welcoming Dan, Joanna and their family to the Urban community!

For more information throughout the summer and fall, please visit www.urbanschool.org/headsearch.

Very truly yours,

Shannon Cogen (Jack '18 & Tess '21) & Scott Sklar (Emily '16)
Co-chairs, Search Committee

Matthew Casey (Faculty)
Steven Dinkelspiel ('74) (Emma '07 & Eli '14)
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