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THE LILLIAN AND BETTY RATNER SCHOOL NAMES NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

CLEVELAND, December 7, 2011 – Dr. Larry Goodman has been named permanent head of The Ratner School, effective immediately. Goodman was offered the position December 6 at a regular meeting of the board of trustees for the School, said Board Chair Barbara R. Miller. Goodman replaces Sam Chestnut, who left The Ratner School earlier this year to accept a position at The Lippman School.

Goodman came to The Ratner School in August, when he was appointed interim head. Previously, he had served in various positions at Laurel School – the most recent being director of strategic planning.

“We are delighted to welcome Dr. Goodman to our team,” said Miller. “Our search committee undertook a rigorous and deliberate process to fill this critical position. We considered many extremely well-qualified individuals with very impressive credentials, but I am confident that in Dr. Goodman, we found the best person possible to lead our school into a new era.”

As director of strategic planning at Laurel, Goodman oversaw implementation of the school’s strategic plan, developed partnerships with key educational organizations in the region, instituted new curricular initiatives and guided professional development of Laurel faculty and staff. While at Laurel, Goodman also was co-director of the Center for Research on Girls and director of the upper school.

Prior to his tenure at Laurel, Goodman was humanities coordinator, freshman dean and a member of the faculty at The Latin School of Chicago. He also is a founding member of the board of trustees of the Online School for Girls, established in 2009. Goodman graduated magna cum laude from Bucknell University and received his Ph.D. in English language and literature from the University of Chicago.

Goodman is a past trustee of The Cleveland BoyChoir and currently serves on the board of the MetroHealth Foundation and the Cleveland chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He and his wife Anne live in Shaker Heights with their two children.

The Lillian and Betty Ratner School, through its Montessori Pre-Primary and rich academic Primary and Middle school programs, provides children with a strong sense of self and the resources they need to achieve in the classroom and in life. In an environment enriched by the Montessori philosophy and a mosaic of diverse cultures, each child thrives.