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### **Marin Primary & Middle School Holds Welcome Picnic for New Head of School**

LARKSPUR, Calif. — Marin Primary & Middle School welcomes new Head of School, Julie Elam, on Sunday, September 10, with a Welcome Family Picnic and Barbecue from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The press is invited to attend this picnic and welcome ceremony.

Julie Elam began her employment with Marin Primary & Middle School on July 1, 2006. She replaces Murray E. Lopdell Lawrence who was Head since 2002.

"I'm excited to be here," said Ms. Elam. "Marin Primary & Middle School's mission of educating the whole child through an integrated program resonates with me. The students have a rich and diverse curriculum coupled with a very low student to teacher ratio. I've been very impressed by the nurturing community that has already reached out to embrace me as I take on this new role."

Julie has been in the field of education from the start with over 30 years experience as a teacher and an administrator. Since 1998 she has been the Lower School Head at San Francisco Day School. Prior to that she was the Lower School Director at Breck School in Minneapolis for four years after teaching kindergarten at the school for a number of years. She has also worked with students in preschool through eight grades in public and independent schools.

Board Chairperson, Eliot Holtzman, stated, "We are very fortunate to have Julie Elam with us. We conducted a national search and attracted candidates with extraordinary credentials. It was clear to us, however, that we had this incredible candidate in our own backyard."

Former head of San Francisco Day School, Jim Telander, concurred, "Julie is an excellent communicator. She is clear in her ideas, listens well, and explains her decisions with sound reasons. Julie is an extraordinary educator, both practical and visionary."

Julie holds a Bachelor of Science in Child Development from the University of California, Davis and a Masters of Education in Early Childhood Education from the University of Minnesota. Julie is married to Jon who is General Manager of the Tamalpais Community Services District and has two grown children: a son Rob who is in a bio-diesel services company in Seattle and a daughter Kristin who is a middle school teacher in Colorado. Julie loves to read and spend time outdoors.

Marin Primary & Middle School is a Pre-School, K-8 Coeducational Day School with 340 students in Larkspur California. MP&MS makes education meaningful, while encouraging pride in self, respect for others, and enthusiasm for learning. The school believes in treasuring childhood, teaching to reach children, teaching children to reach and inspiring children to make a difference.

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