



### **Valwood Announces Appointment of Interim Headmaster**

The Valwood Board of Trustees announced Wednesday the appointment of Dr. Lee Cox as interim Headmaster for the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Cox will retire as president of Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville, South Carolina and will assume his position at Valwood on July 1, 2010. During his tenure at Christ Episcopal, there were significant gains in curricular and faculty development, enrollment growth, as well as a restructuring of the athletics program. Prior to his presidency at Christ Episcopal, Dr. Cox served as president of the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics and served as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Humanities Council. Terri Lupo, Chair of the Headmaster Search Committee, said; "Lee Cox has a passion for the Independent School environment. As Headmaster, Dr. Cox will strengthen our tradition of preparing Valwood students for college, leadership, and life while instilling our core values of academics, character, and service. Cox has a strong reputation of inspiring confidence, trust, and good will among parents, faculty, and administrators as well as all constituencies in the local community. We are excited about welcoming this great leader and communicator as Interim Head of our school."

According to Chairman of the Board, Tom Gooding, this fall Valwood will conduct a search to identify a permanent Headmaster for the school. Valwood's current Headmaster, Cobb Atkinson will assume his new position as Headmaster of Westchester Country Day in High Point, North Carolina in July. The Valwood Board of Trustees, faculty, students and parents wish to thank Mr. Atkinson for his leadership and significant accomplishments during his 7 years at Valwood.

Valwood is an Independent College Preparatory School whose mission is to instill in its students an enthusiasm for academic excellence, the foundations of strong character, and a commitment to serve others. For more information visit the Valwood Website – [www.valwood.org](http://www.valwood.org)