Director of Development Search

Washington, D.C.



The School

Named after Bishop John T. Walker, the first African American Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and a beloved figure to this day at numerous institutions, BWS is a diocesan day school serving boys primarily from the southeast area of Washington, D.C. and Prince George's County, Maryland. In 2008, the first operating year, BWS was located in the basement of St.Philips Episcopal Church in Anacostia, a neighborhood located in southeast, DC, and had an enrollment of 12 Junior Kindergarten students. Fourteen years later, BWS has an enrollment of 73 students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Since its founding, Bishop Walker School has been a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

Unique in its commitment to creating life-changing opportunities for boys from DC's underserved communities, BWS strives to offer a wide range of support and social services to both its students and their families that enhances the School's sense of community and its students' chances for success in school and beyond.

The Position

Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys is seeking an experienced professional to partner with the Head of School, lead a staff of two, and build philanthropic support for the school and the engagement of key stakeholders. Reporting to the Head of School, the Director of Development creates, implements, and supervises appropriate fundraising strategies to meet the financial goals of the School consistent with the strategic plan. Along with the Head of School, the Director of Development is responsible for strengthening a positive public perception of Bishop Walker School in the community, communicating the mission and objectives of the school, building relationships with donors, and obtaining the financial support necessary to ensure a strong and vibrant future. There will be tremendous opportunity for outreach well beyond the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Key to the success of this individual is the willingness to embrace the unique and dynamic aspects of the school community. He/she will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills and must be able to demonstrate confidence, impeccable integrity, outstanding organizational skills with donors and colleagues, and be a motivational team player.

To Apply

Interested candidates should provide a resume, cover letter of interest in and qualifications for the position, statement of philosophy of leadership, and list of five references with contact information, as a single attachment. These materials should be sent to the consultant listed below.

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For more information about Bishop Walker School, consult the school website at https://www.bishopwalkerschool.org/