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**THE STANWICH SCHOOL RECRUITS PAUL G. GEISE AS HEAD OF SCHOOL
UPON PAT YOUNG'S RETIREMENT IN MID-2012**

GREENWICH, CT—January 31, 2011— The Stanwich School has recruited Paul G. Geise to become Head of School when Patricia Young, the school's long-time Headmistress and Founder, retires on June 30, 2012, it was announced today by Gregory Drennen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Geise is currently Head of School at the Pine Point School in Stonington, Conn. He officially joins Stanwich this coming July 1st as Head-Elect. He will work with Mrs. Young, the board, faculty, and the parent body to assure a smooth transition of leadership,

An internationally respected educator, Mr. Geise has served as Pine Point's Head of School since 1999. Under his leadership, Pine Point completed: a comprehensive campus master plan; a successful capital campaign; and a building program. Mr. Geise also instituted strategies to increase enrollment and significantly expand community partnerships. Pine Point was also cited both as a national school of character and as a national model by the Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education.

Mr. Drennen said, "Paul will be a strong leader and an articulate ambassador for Stanwich. His deep belief in Stanwich's mission for developing student character, fostering educational excellence, and his understanding for the importance of relations with our neighbors as well as communities beyond our immediate borders, are all important characteristics we want in our next Head of School."

"As we plan for Stanwich's exciting future and begin the process of transitioning from our visionary founder, Pat Young, to the next generation of leadership, we are very pleased to have attracted Paul Geise to Stanwich as our next Head of School," added Mr. Drennen.

Mr. Geise said, "I am honored to follow in Pat Young's footsteps and I believe this is an extraordinary time for Stanwich. The school is fulfilling its promise to build a first rate high school program and undertaking a major capital campaign to construct a K-12 campus. I am energized by the opportunities and up to the challenges that may arise ... fully confident that we will achieve Stanwich's destiny."

Pat Young added, "Like many leaders in the independent school community, I have known Paul professionally for some time and have long admired his enormous intellect and boundless energy. I have every confidence that Paul will take The Stanwich School to new heights and that we are so fortunate to have attracted him to our school."

Doug Lyons, Director of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools and the person who introduced Paul Geise to the Stanwich board as an ideal candidate, added, "Paul has the largest personal/professional network of anyone I know. He is the consummate partnership builder, inspiring individuals and a wide variety of institutions to combine resources in support of kids in schools. He is also a gentleman, guided by high personal standards and spiritual beliefs. Paul is the perfect choice for the Stanwich School." Mr. Lyons is also the former long-time Head of School at Greenwich Country Day School.

Prior to Pine Point which he joined as Head of School in 1999, he was: from 1996-1999 Head of the Middle School, TASIS, The American School in England, UK; from 1991-1996, he was Director of the Middle School at the St. Anne's-Belfield School in Charlottesville, Va.; from 1980-1990, he was at the Rumson Country Day School in Rumson, N.J. where he had been Director of Secondary School Placement, Director of their Upper School Admissions, and Science Department Chair; and from 1978-1980, he was a science teacher at the Delbarton School in Morristown, N.J.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Geise has served as Board President of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools as well as on a variety of international educational boards and foundations.

Mr. Geise received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colgate University; a Master of Arts in Teaching from the Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children at Montclair State College; and a Master of Education from Harvard University. Additionally, he was a Klingenstein Fellow at Columbia University and is presently completing his doctorate in educational leadership at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Stanwich School is a co-educational independent day school that currently serves students in grades Pre-K through nine, with plans to expand to Grade 12. The school seeks to educate and expand each student's mind, body and spirit. This is reflected in the school's rigorous academic program, supported by a small student-teacher ratio. Students are inspired by a dedicated faculty to love learning and achieve their personal best. Stanwich's program also strives to instill in students qualities of good character, including respect and caring for others, as well as a life-long commitment to improving the world.

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