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### **Abby Andrietsch named CEO of St. Augustine Preparatory Academy**

November XX, 2019 - St. Augustine Preparatory Academy (Aug Prep) today announced Abby Andrietsch will continue leading the growing south side school on a permanent basis after serving as interim president since June.

Aug Prep board member Dr. Dan Johnson, president of Wisconsin Lutheran College, said he and fellow board members were grateful Andrietsch had accepted their offer to be CEO.

“Abby has done an excellent job as president the last six months, making it completely clear she is the best person to serve our school community into the future,” Johnson said. “Abby’s level of executive and financial development expertise, and her spiritual maturity, are what’s needed to achieve our ambitious and multi-faceted goals on behalf of Aug Prep’s students and their families.”

Now in its third year of operation, Aug Prep recently was awarded an “exceeds expectations” rating on the school’s first state school report card. This high achievement comes even as the school is amidst ongoing growth. This fall, Aug Prep grew student enrollment 49% year-over-year, adding more than 400 students to today serve over 1,300 students in kindergarten through 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

The school will finish its first phase of growth next year when it adds 12<sup>th</sup> grade, reaching a capacity of approximately 1,500 students in grades K4 through 12. Aug Prep recently announced a second phase of expansion that will add another 700-900 students. This phase will involve further construction and is expected to break ground in 2021.

“It has been an incredible honor to serve the families of Aug Prep for the past six months,” Andrietsch said. “I couldn’t be more excited about the work ahead, which will allow us to reach even more children.”

Prior to Aug Prep, Andrietsch was co-founder and executive director of education nonprofit Schools That Can Milwaukee, a position she held for eight years. She has also served in executive positions at Husco International and the Doris & Donald Fisher Fund. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a Bachelor’s degree in Commerce, and also holds Master’s degrees in Business and Education from Stanford University.

Aug Prep board member Ivan Gamboa, senior vice president at Tri City National Bank, said that in addition to Andrietsch’s qualifications and experience, her Latina heritage makes her a great fit for the role.

“Having a Hispanic woman lead one of the fastest growing, highest-performing schools in the state will send a message to our students that anything is possible if they dedicate themselves to achieving excellence,” Gamboa said.

### **About St. Augustine Preparatory Academy**

St. Augustine Preparatory Academy (Aug Prep) is a multi-denominational Christian school on Milwaukee’s south side at 2607 S. 5th St. The school was launched in August 2017, and upon completion of an ongoing growth plan will serve more than 2,000 students in grade K4-12. Centered on providing a loving environment to learn and grow, the school’s foundation is built on the four pillars of faith, family, academics and athletics. Aug Prep is a student-centered environment where young learners are encouraged to take ownership of their education not only in academics, but also physical health, creativity and faith. To learn more about the Augustine Prep, please visit <http://www.augprep.org>.

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