ABOUT ELINOR SCULLY

Dr. Elinor Scully will become the 12th Head of National Cathedral School on July 1, 2021. She will come to NCS after completing eight years of service as Head of The Langley School, a preschool-to-8th-grade school in McLean, Va.

During Dr. Scully’s tenure, The Langley School implemented a visionary strategic plan that has enriched and deepened the school’s academic program and approach to inquiry-based pedagogy, created a signature social and emotional curriculum, and launched an ambitious and comprehensive capital campaign to sustain the school in the future. The Langley School has become a leader in social-emotional learning and offers a national model for preschool-to-grade 8 education. In addition to building a strong administrative team and attracting and retaining exceptional faculty, Dr. Scully launched at The Langley School an innovative multidisciplinary curriculum focused on enhancing emotional intelligence, cultural responsiveness, and student health and wellness. These efforts have clarified the school’s unique value proposition and positioned The Langley School for future growth. She also has put in place plans for a new campus building and garnered momentum for a capital campaign that will grow the school’s endowment to support teacher excellence, tuition assistance, and curricular innovation.

With more than 20 years of both classroom and administrative experience, Dr. Scully is a nationally recognized thought leader on independent education and, in particular, on social and emotional learning. An expert in childhood and adolescent development, she has consulted with more than 40 independent schools and written for numerous publications on the topics of gender, sexuality education, and social and emotional learning.

Dr. Scully is president of the Elementary School Heads Association and vice president of the Virginia Association of Independent Schools' Board of Directors. A Falls Church, Va., native, she holds a PhD and an MS in education from the University of Pennsylvania and a BA in English from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Scully’s move to NCS will be an exciting homecoming. Prior to assuming the headship of The Langley School, Dr. Scully served with distinction for eight years at NCS as head of the Upper School, assistant head of school, and associate head of school. She began her career in 1990 as a family life education teacher at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va., subsequently taking positions as chair of the Family Life Education Department and associate director of the Upper School before moving to NCS in 2005.