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Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my great privilege to announce that Dr. Alyson Moore of Fresno, California, has been selected as the next Artistic Director of The St. Louis Children's Choirs and will assume the position for the 2023-2024 performance season. Dr. Moore is a scholar, choral educator, and a lyric soprano with 30 years of experience as a teacher and conductor of children's choirs, and an impressive record of guest conducting, opera performance, music research, and composing. She currently is the director of choirs at University High School in Fresno, on the voice faculty at Fresno Pacific University, and serves as Artistic Director for the Fresno Choral Artists.

Mrs. Berner is delighted to welcome Dr. Alyson Moore to the SLCC family and will "pass the baton" to our new Artistic Director in the summer of 2023. In Mrs. Berner's words, "Dr. Moore has an exceptional background and a passion for teaching young people, loves our mission of character development and musical excellence, and aligns with the Choirs' values – I am thrilled to be passing the baton to her."

This appointment is the unanimous decision of the SLCC Search Committee, a group of dedicated individuals who have worked tirelessly over the past 7 months to identify exactly the perfect candidate to serve as the next Artistic Director. As Chair of the Search Committee, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Choir Board members: Suzanne Galvin, Charles Gooden, Amy Kramer and Libby McCandless; to Pam Jones, Chief Operating Officer; and to our esteemed musical colleagues: Dr. Jim Henry, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and co-director of the Ambassadors of Harmony; Ms. Mandy Miller, Choral Music Experience master-teacher serving as SLCC's Music Teacher Workshop clinician for 11 years, and the Department Chair of Music at Lochgelly High School in Scotland; and Dr. A. Dennis Sparger, Music Director and Conductor of the Bach Society of St. Louis. The committee had the opportunity to conduct extensive interviews and to observe Dr. Moore's work conducting Chorale and Concert Choir when she visited St. Louis in October. It soon became obvious that Dr. Moore is the perfect artistic leader to take the Choirs forward to its next 25 years of musical excellence.

I invite you to learn more about Dr. Moore by reading the attached SLCC media release. The entire Board of Directors and Mrs. Berner join me in welcoming Dr. Moore as the incoming Artistic Director and we anticipate a smooth transition and exciting future for the Choirs in "shaping young lives through musical excellence."

Most sincerely,

Chris Koo
President, Board of Directors
The St. Louis Children's Choirs