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**Director-Elect of Early Childhood – River Ranch Campus
Ascension Episcopal School
Lafayette, Louisiana**

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Southern Teachers is assisting Ascension Episcopal School as it seeks a Director-Elect to collaborate for one year with the current River Ranch (early childhood) Campus Director and then, in July 2018, to become Director, leading 32 staff members as they provide programs for about 140 children in prekindergarten (three-year-olds) through kindergarten. Operating on three campuses, Ascension is one of the finest schools in Acadiana, a region comprised of eight parishes (counties) in south Louisiana. The next River Ranch Director will inherit a state-of-the-art campus poised for continued growth and success and will be expected to ensure continuing program excellence by building upon the significant accomplishments of the past two decades. As the campus's chief operating officer reporting directly to the Head of School, the Director will oversee all academic, extracurricular, enrollment, and personnel matters. He or she must be an inspirational leader who is well informed about academic matters, is committed to excellence, and has a clear moral and educational vision for the early childhood program in the 21st century.

Candidates should hold advanced degrees and have three-to-five years of early childhood teaching experience and success in school administration. They must be able to lead collaboratively; delegate authority; select, manage, and evaluate personnel; and infuse current technology into the academic program. They must be dedicated to Episcopal education reflecting the school's orthodox Anglican heritage, to interdisciplinary integration of the Christian faith with academics, the arts, and athletics; to fostering the school's mission and its role in the parish; to high ethical and moral standards; and to serving as a role model for all in the school family.

The Director must be an innovative, creative thinker; a good listener who is inclusive of others; an effective team builder; and a faculty advocate who respects, mentors, and inspires teachers. He or she should have an engaging, confident, outgoing personality; good rapport with faculty, students, and parents; accessibility and the ability to work well with diverse populations; a genuine love of children; academic and emotional intelligence; and an understanding of issues that students and parents face today. The Director must be an effective communicator, problem solver, and decision maker who can resolve conflicts, model courage in adversity, treat all others fairly and objectively, plan strategically, achieve goals, adhere to high academic standards, create and manage an efficient campus infrastructure, and be visibly involved in school life.

Lafayette is a major economic center in south central Louisiana with a highly educated workforce, unmatched quality of life, and regional leadership in manufacturing, retail, medical services, technology, education, and entrepreneurial activity. Situated between New Orleans and Houston, fifty miles west of Baton Rouge and twenty-five miles north of the Gulf of Mexico, Lafayette is in the heart of Acadiana, a unique cultural region named for the hardworking, fun-loving Acadians ("Cajuns") who were exiled from their homeland of Nova Scotia in the mid-18th century.

To apply, please complete the online [Application](#) to become a **Southern Teachers Candidate** and submit a cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for this position, which begins in July 2017.