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TOP RANKED CANDEO SCHOOLS SELECTED SUCCESSOR TO FOOTHILLS ACADEMY, CLOSING ITS SCHOOL AFTER 25 YEARS

Scottsdale, Arizona. After more than 25 years serving as Director for Foothills Academy, Don Senneville will retire and surrender his charter at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Senneville devoted decades of his time, energy, resources, and expertise to make Foothills Academy a success, a legacy that will last long after his retirement. “Foothills Academy has been my life all these years. I’ve worked with some of the best staff and teachers there are, some of whom I count among my lifelong friends,” said Dr. Senneville.

His care and concern for the families and students he currently educates is particularly moving. Dr. Senneville embarked upon an exhaustive search for the school and administrators he thought most worthy of advancing the educational journey for his students. “It is with a strong desire to continue the academic excellence and sense of community Foothills’ families, staff, and I have grown to love and enjoy together, that I carefully sought a succession school of the highest quality to take our place,” says Dr. Senneville. “We are pleased to have entered into a contract with Dr. Stephanie Musser and Candeo Schools for the purchase of Foothills Academy land and property. Candeo Schools is highly regarded, and their proven track record since their inception in 2008 is impressive. They have earned my trust and endorsement.”

Coming for the 2020-2021 school year, Candeo Schools North Scottsdale will bring its Classical Education approach and the nationally recognized Core Knowledge curriculum to broaden, enrich, and enliven the student academic experience. “I was immediately drawn to the prospect when Dr. Senneville contacted me,” says Dr. Stephanie Musser, founder and CEO of Candeo Schools. “Our initial meeting held great promise and progressed into a thoughtful transition plan. My fellow administrators and I are pleased to offer the Candeo Schools model to not only the current Foothills Academy families, but also the North Scottsdale community at large. Our curriculum will bring an adjustment to what is already familiar, but it is our aim to make the transition as seamless as possible as we pursue excellence in education together. We have a robust community at our Candeo Peoria campus and look forward to developing relationships with Foothills Academy families.”

On Thursday, January 23, Candeo Schools North Scottsdale will host an Information Night for all interested parents in the North Scottsdale community to meet with administrators first-hand; get to know Candeo Schools philosophy, curriculum, and culture; ask questions; and complete applications on the first day of Early Open Enrollment.

Candeo Schools North Scottsdale Information Night Details

Date: Thursday, January 23

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Foothills Community Foundation, 34250 N. 60th Street, Building B, Scottsdale, AZ 85266

More about Candeo Schools

Known for its rigorous, knowledge-based schooling and joyful learning environment, Candeo Schools' flagship location, Candeo Peoria, has been consistently ranked in Arizona's top schools since its inception in 2008. In August 2019, NICHE.com unveiled its ranking of public schools in Arizona. Candeo Peoria's elementary school was ranked 22nd out of more than 1,150 schools, and its middle school was ranked 20th out of more than 740 schools.

Candeo Schools believes that college preparation begins in elementary school where cognitive growth is richest and academic habits are set. Its mission is to grow wisdom and virtue for a life well lived through rigorous knowledge-based schooling in the classical liberal arts.

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