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*Photo included as attachment to email – Richard A. Martin, Ph.D., TAIS Executive Director*

### **TAIS Names New Executive Director**

NASHVILLE, TN (August 13, 2008) – Dr. Bill Hovenden, President of the Board of Directors of TAIS, has announced the appointment of Dr. Richard A. Martin as the Executive Director for the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools. Dr. Martin is replacing Emily B. Fuller who is retiring after twenty-two years as the founding Executive Director of the statewide organization.

For the past twenty years Dr. Martin has been a teacher and school administrator in the Memphis area. He taught English at Rhodes College and the University of Memphis before accepting a position with Lausanne Collegiate School as a teacher of English, History and Drama. During his last eight years at Lausanne, he served as the Head of the Upper School. This past year he served as the Academic Dean of the Hutchison School.

Dr. Hovenden commented, “As a former classroom teacher and school administrator, Dr. Martin understands the diversity and needs of our schools. He is enthused about the opportunity to assist faculty members and administrators find new ways to network with one another.”

The Tennessee Association of Independent Schools is the active voice and connective resource for 60 independent schools and more than 3,500 educators. TAIS serves accredited independent schools – each with its own mission, unique characteristics and governed by a board of trustees. TAIS provides networking and professional development opportunities as well as advocacy representation, promoting schools’ attributes and protecting their independence. [www.taistn.org](http://www.taistn.org)

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