

August 29, 2011



New Executive Director Jill Goodrich

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Opportunity School Board of Trustees, I'm pleased to inform you that we have selected an Executive Director. After spending several months reviewing many impressive and qualified applicants in a thorough recruitment process, we are proud to announce that Jill Goodrich has been named the new Executive Director of Opportunity School.

Jill's strengths of communication, administration, and leadership have allowed her to gain much success in the business world. The Amarillo Chamber of Commerce recently selected Jill as one of the top twenty professionals under age forty in Amarillo. She spent the past six years working at McCormick Company, a marketing agency here in Amarillo, serving as Vice-President. Prior to that, Jill worked in Kansas City at Fleishman-Hillard, a communications company, for nine years. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska and her Master of Business Administration from West Texas A&M University. Jill is familiar with Opportunity School after having spent the past six years serving on the Board, including a term as President of the Board. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo, and she and her husband, Russ, have four young children.

Jill is passionate about children, education, and helping others, and she is thrilled to join the Opportunity School family. She is currently training with Dianne Hill and will begin working full-time at Opportunity School beginning Monday, September 19. We hope you will be able to meet Jill at our annual LIPS! event, October 6, or at a welcoming party planned for later this fall. Of course we invite you to stop by the school for a visit anytime as well. Jill is eager to meet and get to know each of Opportunity School's donors and friends.

The Opportunity School Board appreciates your ongoing support in helping Amarillo's at-risk children succeed in school and in life. We could not do this work without you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 806-345-6309.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robert C. Vartabedian". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Robert C. Vartabedian  
President of the Opportunity School Board of Trustees