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*Atlanta Education Leader Elected to Lead National Association*

Marcia Prewitt Spiller, head of The Children's School in Atlanta, was elected to lead the board of trustees of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) at the organization's annual conference February 26, 2009. As chair of the board, Ms. Spiller will shape the strategic priorities of the association, which serves 1,400 independent private schools nationally.

"Marcia Prewitt Spiller has served NAIS as trustee and as vice chair brilliantly for six years," noted Patrick F. Bassett, president of the Washington, DC-based NAIS. "She's helped the organization navigate politically charged waters and has contributed to a compelling vision for the future of independent education. I have no doubt she will serve NAIS and the independent school sector exceedingly well as board chair."

Spiller became head of school at The Children's School in 1990 after serving as assistant principal for one year. She began her teaching career in Columbus (OH) Public School System. An expert in diversity, multi-cultural curriculum, and teacher training, Spiller is called upon by many organizations and schools to conduct seminars and workshops on these topics around the country.

Spiller has served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations, including the Southern Association of Independent Schools, Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA), and the Elementary School Heads' Association, among others. She holds degrees from Georgia State University and Fisk University.

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*An independent, nonprofit elementary school in Atlanta, The Children's School serves 380 students three years old through the sixth grade. For more information, please visit <http://www.thechildrensschool.com>.*

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