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Photo Caption: Lynn Heady, Director of Micah Children's Academy
Please note: Lynn Heady is a resident of Bellevue.

LYNN HEADY, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND LITERACY EXPERT,
NAMED DIRECTOR OF MICAH CHILDREN'S ACADEMY, NEW PRE-SCHOOL

NASHVILLE/BRENTWOOD -- Lynn Heady, previously Director of Teaching, Learning and Assessment for Williamson County Schools (WCS), has been named Director of Micah Children's Academy, a new pre-school owned and operated by Congregation Micah, a Reform Jewish synagogue.

With a capacity for 83 children ages six weeks to five years, the Academy will open August 16. ***Youngsters of all faith traditions and cultures are welcome.***

"Lynn Heady's extraordinary grasp of curriculum and best practices within the field will create a stellar program at Micah Children's Academy. Her collaborative leadership style will invite teachers and parents to be active participants in the school. Her delight in working with children and her understanding that children learn best through interactive play will infuse the school with energy," said Julie Greenberg, Congregation Micah Education Director.

Greenberg headed the Search Committee, which selected Heady from a field of local and nationwide candidates.

In addition to her seven years of curriculum development and teacher training for WCS, Heady works with Tennessee State University and PBS Nashville and national affiliates as an

online instructor for practicing teachers wanting to enter the pre-K arena or learn about the foundations of literacy. As Adjunct Professor at Vanderbilt University's Peabody School of Education, she has taught a graduate level curriculum course.

Heady has applied her curriculum development expertise in Metro Nashville and Pittsburgh public schools, and in the private arena. She was also an elementary school teacher in Memphis City Schools. In addition, as Program Director for the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, she developed a training strategy for staff and volunteer tutors working with adult non-readers.

With numerous presentations and publications to her credit, Heady is a member of the International Reading Association and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Heady received her Bachelor's degree with a major in Elementary Education and her Master's Degree in Elementary Education with a Curriculum Emphasis from Memphis State University. She holds Pennsylvania and Tennessee certifications in Instruction (pre-K to 8) and Administration (pre-K to 12).

Heady served as President of Congregation Micah's Board of Trustees from 2008-2009 and has been a second grade Hebrew teacher in Micah's Religious School.

“As an experienced educator, I look forward to pulling all the pieces together at Micah Children's Academy: listening to the needs of our children through the eyes of their families; respecting and growing the talents of our teaching and support staff; and creating a curriculum that offers our students a strong foundation for success,” said Heady.

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the Academy are encouraged to attend an Open House at Congregation Micah Sunday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m. Congregation Micah is at 2001 Old Hickory Boulevard, near the intersection of Hillsboro Road.

For further information about Micah Children's Academy, phone Lynn Heady or Julie Greenberg, 377-9799 or visit www.micahchildrensacademy.org. Application forms are on the website.

Serving nearly 500 families under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Laurie Rice and Rabbi Philip (Flip) Rice, Congregation Micah is known for its diversity, inclusiveness and musical orientation. For more information about Congregation Micah, visit www.congregationmicah.org or phone 377-9799.

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