ANNUNCIATION GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SCHOOL

Dear parents, students, and friends of the Greek School:

As the director of the Greek School, I would like to introduce myself and share with you a few thoughts about our vision for the new school year and the years to come.

My name is Katerina Kontogeorgaki and I was born in Almyros, Greece. I graduated from the University of Thessaloniki with a major in Philosophy, Education, and Psychology. After a few years working as a teacher, I moved to the United States to complete my master's in education at the University of Pittsburgh and later my MBA at the University of Houston. I have lived in Houston since 1994 with my husband Dimitri Varvarezos and our children Konstantinos and Georgia. I have been a teacher at the Annunciation Greek Language and Culture School for many years, teaching both the adults' and children's classes, and I became the director in 2015. All those years, I have seen the Greek school grow and flourish under the auspices of our church and the support of the community. In 1919, I was appointed to the High Council of Education by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Our school progresses on the path of academic and professional excellence with the goal of bringing to our students and our community the best education in the Greek language and culture. During my service as a teacher and director, I have attended numerous academic seminars, and I have met other educators from all over the country. I am proud to say that our school is one of the best afternoon schools, and it uses the most up-to-date academic and teaching methods. Our students are immersed in the Greek language and culture through mythology and history lessons, celebrations, workshops, games, and social events. The role of the Greek school goes beyond the teaching of the language, it brings together the generations of Greek Americans and strengthens their ties and their identity.

Thank you for joining our Greek School community and sharing your ideas and love for our Greek heritage. Please contact me with any inquiries about the academic program or our cultural calendar.

I look forward to working closely with you towards another successful school year.

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