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## Thomas Sweet Appointed Director at TLC's Katherine Thomas School

Rockville, Md.— [TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers' Katherine Thomas School](#) (KTS) announced today that **Thomas Sweet** has been appointed Director for [TLC's Katherine Thomas Lower/Middle School Programs](#). KTS is an independent day school for students in preschool through twelfth grade with moderate to severe language and learning disabilities and/or high-functioning autism.

Mr. Sweet was hired as Interim Director for KTS on July 1, 2008. In the short time he has been at the school, he has already established collaborative relationships with families and staff, set high expectations for educational quality and implemented a school wide behavior plan, said **Dr. Patricia Ritter**, Interim Executive Director.

"Thomas has embraced the KTS mission, philosophy, students and families. I am certain his leadership and enthusiasm will provide our students with quality education that meets their individual needs and that he will bring a positive energy to KTS," Ritter added.

The caring, student-centered and team-based instructional approach at the school's core were impressive to Mr. Sweet, along with the strength of the relationships between school, home and community. As director of the lower and middle school programs, Sweet is excited to continue leading 54 staff members and 74 students. Mr. Sweet joins **Rhona Schwartz**, Director of the [KTS High School Program](#), which will honor its first full graduating class of 31 students in June 2009.

Mr. Sweet has completed course work towards a Doctoral degree in Educational Administration from the [University of Virginia](#), holds a Masters degree in Special Education from [George Mason University](#), and did his undergraduate work at [The College of William & Mary](#). He has been a special education teacher with Fairfax County Public Schools, in Virginia, and an educational administrator with the Forbush School of Sheppard Pratt Health System.

### About TLC

TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers' mission is to improve lives and expand possibilities for individuals with special needs. Celebrating over 57 years of service to the community in 2008, TLC is committed to integrity and excellence in our care and strives to assist all, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information call 301.424.5200 or visit [www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org).

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