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CEO Dr. Jerry Major Announces Retirement

The McKenna Foundation Board of Trustees has announced the upcoming retirement of Dr. Jerry Major, effective mid-February, 2017. Jerry has served as CEO of McKenna since 2011 which followed his career in education that spanned more than 40 years.

The Board expresses its tremendous gratitude to Jerry for his service and leadership during a formative and critical time in the life of the Foundation. "He has provided significant leadership, forged a fine staff, and built strong relationships across all aspects of our community during his time with the Foundation. Jerry has been a committed ambassador for the mission of the McKenna Foundation, and we will miss him," said Michael Spain, Chair, McKenna Foundation.

In announcing his retirement, Jerry noted that "My six years at McKenna have been a wonderful experience. Due to the efforts of very dedicated and loyal staff, the McKenna Foundation has truly moved to a place where "advancing the well-being of the New Braunfels community" is indeed what McKenna is all about. Since 2009, the Foundation has granted \$15,000,000 to local non-profit organizations, and I am thankful that I was here to be a part of that effort. The Foundation also supports the McKenna Children's Museum, the McKenna Events Center, the Newbraunfit Gymnasium operations, and the McKenna Parenting Program. The oversight and support of Board members who care about the community and are willing to devote their time and talents to improving the lives of thousands of people is the underpinning of the Foundation's success. I leave McKenna proud of what has been accomplished and confident that the best is yet

to come. The staff, Board, and community have been kind to me, and I sincerely appreciate it.”

Jerry: The staff, Board, and community appreciate you, too.

The McKenna Board of Trustees has formed a committee to begin the process of identifying its next CEO. Details of the search process will be posted on the McKenna Foundation website at www.mckenna.org by Friday October 14, 2016. Inquiries about the position should be sent to mspan.nb@gmail.com.