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## **Laurens Woman Joins JDLH Board**

McCORMICK--Gov. Nikki Haley has appointed Melissa Tilden of Laurens to serve on the John de la Howe School Board of Trustees.

The Raleigh, NC native is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she majored in French. She currently assists in a self-contained, learning disabled class at Laurens Middle School. She has also taught French at the high school level, worked in the banking industry and owned and operated a bookstore for 15 years.

Mrs. Tilden and her husband, Spike, have called Laurens home for almost 30 years. They are parents to three daughters and attend First United Methodist in Laurens where she serves as Education Committee Chair. She also served on the Board of Directors of Main Street Laurens for the past five years.

Her appointment calls for her to serve the next three years on the board which governs John de la Howe School, which provides children in grades 6-12 from across South Carolina with a safe place to heal, grow and make lasting changes. Founded in 1797, the school is located on 1,200 scenic acres in the Sumter National Forest near McCormick.

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