

September 5, 2025

Dear The Catholic High School of Baltimore Community,

I write to share an important update on our search for the next President of *The* Catholic High School *of Baltimore*. This is a significant moment in the life of our school, and I want to assure you that the process is being carried out with close care, professionalism, and prayerful discernment.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Kristen Vojik Bates '88, Board of Trustees Vice Chair, as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. To help us attract the most talented candidates from across the nation, we have engaged the services of Partners in Mission School Leadership Search Solutions, a nationally recognized consulting firm dedicated exclusively to Catholic school leadership, advancement, and enrollment management. Kyle Pietrantonio, Senior Partner, will serve as our lead consultant, with support from Madeline Conover, Associate. Together, they will guide us through a comprehensive and mission-driven search process.

On September 15 & 16, Kyle will be on campus for an enrichment visit, meeting with focus groups of students, parents, faculty, staff, board members, alumnae, and other stakeholders. In addition, we will distribute a community-wide survey to ensure that every member of the Catholic High family has the opportunity to provide input. These conversations and insights will inform the development of a detailed Search Prospectus, highlighting Catholic High's rich history, our Franciscan mission, and this exciting leadership opportunity.

As the search unfolds, Partners in Mission will draw upon their broad national network of Catholic educational leaders, while giving special attention to candidates who understand and embrace the Franciscan charism that defines our community. Their outreach will generate a carefully vetted pool of highly qualified candidates. From there, our Search Committee will review and interview semifinalists, with confidentiality guiding the process at every stage.

Finalists will be invited to campus this winter for day-long visits, providing meaningful opportunities for engagement between candidates and our community. Following these visits and with community input, the Search Committee will make recommendations with the goal of naming our next President by early 2026. The chosen leader will begin their service in the summer of 2026.

Throughout this transition, the heart of Catholic High—our Franciscan faith tradition, our academic excellence, our cocurricular opportunities, and the vibrant spirit of sisterhood and service—remains as strong as ever. Our faculty, staff, and administration remain dedicated to ensuring that our students thrive each day.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my gratitude for your support, feedback, and prayers during this important process. Together, we will welcome a President who will uphold and advance the traditions of excellence that define *The* Catholic High School *of Baltimore*.

With gratitude,

Sister Anne Hefner, OSF '66 Chair of the Board of Trustees The Catholic High School of Baltimore