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Dear St. Joseph's Academy Community:

I want to share the news with you that Dr. Regina Mooney has announced her intention to retire as current President of St. Joseph's Academy within the next 18 months. She has graciously offered to remain serving in her position until the Academy can secure the ideal leader to replace her.

In response, a search is being launched today by the board of directors for our next President. We established a Search Committee, chaired by Julia Bigley Mize ('92), Vice Chair of Board of Directors, that will work diligently to define our needs, recruit, interview and select a leader we are confident will most effectively implement our strategic plan. With this plan in place, a new President will have a thorough understanding of the vision for our future.

Dr. Mooney's successor will, no doubt, be grateful for the gifts of her leadership. She has made many contributions that have strengthened our school's ability to thrive, accomplishing a great deal in collaboration with the SJA community. We are all the beneficiaries of her lasting contributions in:

- Leading a \$7.5mm campus transformation including the state of the art Weidert Center for Integrated Science for STEM-related instruction, the Sisters of St. Joseph Humanities Hall for visual arts education and a new Campus Ministry Center.
- Providing focus on the Admissions, College Advising, and Institutional Advancement Offices which has resulted in increased diversity, college scholarships, alumnae engagement, funding, and financial aid for deserving students.
- Creating a vision for developing faculty and staff excellence to ensure academic rigor and providing prayer and service opportunities that embody our CSJ Charism and Catholic values.

We are most grateful for the tremendous contributions made by Dr. Mooney and look forward to the crucial role she will continue to play in the school's leadership until we find the next President. As always, she has kept the focus sharp on what will best help St. Joseph's Academy fulfill our mission *"to provide quality Catholic educate young women in an environment that challenges them to grow in faith, knowledge and respect for self and others, and to make a profound impact in the world."* We are confident we will be able to attract an outstanding successor who will effectively build on all that Dr. Mooney has accomplished for the school and our students, faithful to our motto, "Not I, But We."

In the meantime, I hope you will join me in thanking Dr. Mooney for her outstanding guidance of our school. We will update you periodically on the progress of our search for a new President. I invite you to visit the special web page we have set up at [www.sjasearch.org](http://www.sjasearch.org) for more information. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to St. Joseph's Academy.

With warm regards,

Craig Hannick  
Chair, Board of Directors