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Dear Pius XI Community,

We are pleased to provide you with an update on the search for our next President. Over the past several weeks, five candidates have participated in extensive day-long campus visits as part of a comprehensive evaluation process designed to identify the leader who will guide Pius XI Catholic High School into its second century.


Each candidate submitted a cover letter and resume for review and completed a Behavioral Trait Assessment that reflected their alignment with the competencies and characteristics we are seeking in our next president. During their campus visits, candidates participated in a one-on-one interview with Principal Ryan Krienke, enjoyed lunch and conversation with students, and participated in-depth interviews with both the School Leadership Team and Academic Leadership Team. Each candidate also met with members of the Board of Directors and extensively with the Search Committee.

Our community played a vital role in this process. Parents, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the school had the opportunity to meet each candidate during open Meet and Greet sessions, and many stakeholders completed surveys providing valuable input on the qualities and experience they believe are most important in our next president. We also conducted conversations with select references for each candidate.

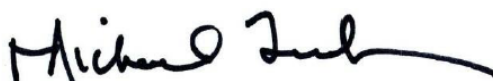
Following each component of the campus visits, participants from every group submitted feedback forms. This multi-faceted approach has allowed us to gain diverse perspectives on each candidate's strengths, leadership style, and potential fit with our Pius XI community. We are grateful for the participation from our community members, whose insights have been invaluable in helping us understand how each candidate might serve our school's mission and advance our strategic plan, *Thriving: Now, Tomorrow, Forever*.

The Search Committee is now carefully reviewing all feedback and assessment data as we move toward our final recommendation to the Board of Directors and Archbishop Grob. We remain committed to a process that is both thorough and deliberate, ensuring that we select a president who will honor our rich tradition while leading us confidently into the future. Thank you for your prayers, patience, and active participation in this important process.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Directors



Michael Frohna '84
Chair, President Search Committee