



NATIVITY PREP ACADEMY

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Dear Friends of Nativity Prep Academy,

Since 2002, Nativity Prep has prospered under the strategic leadership of Brendan Sullivan. His passionate and long-term commitment to the educational and spiritual ideals that make Nativity Prep such a special place has enabled us to advance our mission by expanding our Graduate Support Program, developing and institutionalizing our financial systems, and diversifying and expanding our community of benefactors. Under his leadership, the school has continued to thrive as a touchstone for the academic growth and personal development for hardworking, underserved young men and women from Southeast San Diego.

It is, therefore, with grateful but sad hearts that we announce Brendan's decision to step down as Nativity Prep's President a year from now, in June 2018. After a very thoughtful and candid discernment over the past year, Brendan has made the decision to pursue other professional opportunities in the world of education beginning July 2018. Anticipating how much we will miss him brings us to the task at hand—finding a worthy successor to build upon his accomplishments and to lead Nativity Prep's next era of growth and success.

The Board of Trustees has convened a Search Committee comprised of trustees and has engaged the services of the national search firm Carney, Sandoe & Associates to undertake this important work. The school's new president will take the helm of an institution that is strong academically and financially, and one that is well positioned to educate and support future generations of students. I am confident that by drawing from a broad pool of qualified candidates from across the country we will find an enthusiastic, well-qualified leader who will rise to the challenge of creating even more opportunities for the young men and women in our care.

This committee will also include stakeholders in our community—teachers and staff, parents and students, benefactors and volunteers—and will work to find the next visionary leader for our wonderful school. Meanwhile, Brendan will continue to manage the operations of the school and help the Board and staff prepare for a seamless and smooth transition of leadership. The Board will continue to communicate with all constituents within the Nativity Prep community as we conduct our search for a new president.

We welcome and encourage your input as we embark on this search. Our greatest strength is our people—the dedicated faculty and many volunteers who help each student realize their potential, the staff who ensure the efficient and effective operation of the school, and our donors whose generosity makes all things possible. I invite all members of our community to support this important process by sharing recommendations with the Search Committee. To that end, I invite you to reach out directly to me at any time within the coming year with questions or comments. Until then, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for your support and continued prayers for the students and families of Nativity Prep.

With Gratitude,

Rod Powers, Chair of the Board of Trustees

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