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## Chairman, Board of Trustees

November 7, 2016

Dear Ursuline Family,

On behalf of the Ursuline Academy Board of Trustees, it is with deep appreciation and some sadness that I accept Cathie Field Lloyd's decision to retire at the end of this 2016-2017 school year, after 9 years as President of Ursuline Academy. While Cathie will be dearly missed, her legacy will sustain us well as we transition to a new President.

Cathie, an educator, respected leader, successful fundraiser, and UA alumna, came to Ursuline 9 years ago at the perfect time for the Academy. She led the Academy through difficult economic times. Through Cathie's dedication and leadership, in partnership with the Board, UA has realized several major academic advancements including expanding our Global Education and Leadership curricula, partnering with a local business to create the 1313 Innovation Center, and introducing an important environmental sustainability initiative. The results are self-evident: our graduates continue to be accepted into outstanding universities and remain in the top among local area catholic schools in college scholarship and grants awarded on a per student basis.

Under Cathie's vision, UA began the largest capital campaign in our history, which will transform our facilities and the students experience here at UA. With nearly \$9 million already raised, we are well on our way toward our goal of \$12.4 million.

In her wisdom and continued quest for excellence, Cathie recommended we hire an independent consultant to identify our next opportunities toward continued excellence and innovation. The Board unanimously supported her recommendation and the work has begun. Building on Cathie's achievements, this work will provide a perfect springboard as we bring in a new President.

I have asked Maritza Poza-Grise to lead our Presidential Search Committee. Maritza, an alumna parent, has been a Board member for the past two years and recently retired from DuPont after a successful career where she was Vice President of Global Human Resources. Her extensive experience in recruiting for critical roles will greatly benefit the Academy in our search for our next President to lead Ursuline during these exciting times.

While there will be ample time for thanks, I must close by saying, personally and on behalf of the Board: thank you, Cathie, for your dedication and service to Ursuline. We wish you and Lee all the best as you begin your retirement.

Sincerely,

Tom Tattersall

Board Chair -- Ursuline Academy Board of Trustees

