



PRESENTATION HIGH SCHOOL

Presentation High School Board of Directors
November 15, 2017

To the Presentation Community,

At a time of year when Presentation High School is usually in the media spotlight for its extraordinary outreach projects on behalf of Sacred Heart Community Services, we find ourselves in the spotlight as a touchstone for both a righteous movement (*#MeToo*) and the dark side of social media.

During these difficult days, Presentation has received an outpouring of touching and articulate support from the broader PHS community. We are deeply grateful for your support and sensitivity to the stress and confusion this unwanted attention has created for our faculty, staff and students who find themselves barraged by reporters, news trucks, emails and tweets from well-intentioned friends and uninvited strangers.

As the Board of Directors, we want to assure you that we have been deeply engaged with Principal Mary Miller, former Principal Marian Stuckey and legal counsel to review the allegations made in the media. While the school cannot legally disclose such matters publicly, be assured that we are satisfied that Presentation Administration fulfilled its due diligence in the investigative process for these incidents.

In our experience as a Board, we know Mary Miller to be a woman of integrity who consistently demonstrates her knowledge and skills as chief administrator and her profound commitment to the mission of Presentation High School. She always places the safety and well-being of the students as her primary focus in all her considerations of any serious issue brought to her attention. At the same time, Mary, as principal, has tenaciously advocated for women's rights by educating young women to be informed and to speak up when they or their peers are unfairly treated. These values are taught as lessons for life. We unequivocally stand behind Mary Miller's integrity and leadership.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day reminds us that as a young girl, the Virgin Mary's parents took her to the Temple to present her to God and that Mary stayed there for some time to grow in wisdom and faith. Mary's parents entrusted their daughter to a community that had one goal: her growth in depth of faith, love, and knowledge. Today, we are keenly aware of that same trust Presentation families have in sending their daughters



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to Presentation High School. We are confident and proud of the administration, faculty, and staff of PHS who embrace their role in that partnership with passion, professionalism and care. Presentation has - and always will - strive to provide a safe and supportive community for the personal and academic growth of its students.

It is our deepest hope that the focus of current discourse will move to positive engagement which models the values and principles we strive to instill in our students. We invite you to continue conversations which strengthen and deepen the Presentation experience for young women.

Sincerely,
Presentation High School Board of Directors