A Message From Our New President

It has been a busy first few months as the new President of IMS! My first several weeks were spent getting into each school and beginning to understand each school’s culture and priorities. I also spent time meeting with our board, our donors and other external partners that support our day-to-day work. After those discussions and seeing our teachers, staff and students in action on my school visits, I am even more convinced of the potential of our schools and their ongoing success.

I am excited to see that Catholic culture is alive and well in our schools. I was greeted at numerous schools by middle school students that not only welcomed me but then lead tours of their school. These students exhibited such poise and confidence, I know they are headed for success. The classrooms were filled with positive energy and bright students who were anxious to show what they were learning and tell me their favorite subjects and where they are going to high school, among other things. The self-confidence and happiness that these students showed only confirms the great work that is being done in the classroom each and every day.

I am impressed by the hard work and focus of our teachers and central office staff on improving student learning in Math. We have a lot of work to do – this is a big challenge that we must help our students to overcome and I am confident that we will begin to show measurable improvements.

I’m now focused on ensuring we have the financial resources necessary to continue our work and build upon it. This includes a focus on enrollment - ensuring we are taking every child that we can serve, and keeping them with us, as well as engaging and welcoming new families into our community. Enrollment fuels our mission and is central to sustainability and we want to make sure that next year we see growth. I will also be working to grow our current portfolio of donors and make investments in our schools.

I look forward to seeing more over the course of the spring and summer. Thank you for all that you do!