ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLS
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Dear Father Judge High School Community,

In February, I shared that Mr. Brian Patrick King would be leaving service with Father Judge High School to join the team here in the Central Office as Director of Strategic Initiatives for Secondary Schools and Schools of Special Education. As you know, a rigorous search process has been underway since that time to identify his successor. I offer my deepest gratitude to Reverend Joseph Campellone, OSFS, for serving as Interim President of Father Judge High School, during this time of transition. I know you join me in thanking him for his immense generosity in stepping up to assist in addition to the many other ways he supports the Father Judge community.

Today, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the search process has concluded. Representatives from the Office of Catholic Education, along with Father Judge's administration and board of directors, identified Mr. James D. Meredith, a proud Judge Guy and Salesian Gentleman, Class of 1992, as the ideal candidate for this post. Archbishop Pérez accepted the recommendation and has appointed Mr. Meredith as your next school president effective August 17, 2026.

Mr. Meredith has over three decades of experience in Catholic education, including over 20 years in various leadership capacities. Most recently, he has served as Principal of Lansdale Catholic High School, a post he has held since 2023. Prior to that time, he was Principal of Nazareth Academy High School. Additionally, he has served in a variety of roles in the Central Office including Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools and in various administrative roles at Pope John Paul II and Archbishop Ryan High Schools.

Mr. Meredith graduated Cum Laude from DeSales University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Politics. He also earned a Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from Cabrini University.

The selection of Mr. Meredith signals our commitment to hiring an educational leader who embodies the virtues of the school's Patron Saint, Saint Francis DeSales and the Salesian charism in order to continue the school's success forward into the future. I know you join

me in extending prayerful best wishes to Mr. Meredith as he assumes this new role. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families during these remaining weeks of summer break.

Sincerely,



Mr. Jay DeFruscio

Chief Operating Officer

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